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TODAY'S WEATHER: Fresh East winds; fine, hazy.
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U.S. WITHDRAWS ARMY ADVISERS FROM CHINA

Reds' Demands May Have Closed The Door To Peace

Shanghai, Jan. 26.—The United States today officially terminated its programme of military training on behalf of Nationalist China and at the same time the Communists demanded the arrests of Nationalist "war criminals," including Chiang Kai-shek.

At Kiangwan airport here, the United States Ambassador, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, bade farewell to the head of the United States Army Advisory Group and chief of the group's Air Division.

Major General David Barr, head of the group which failed to revitalise Nationalist China's fighting forces in three-year efforts, and Brig.-General Charles E. Thomas of the Air Force, will leave tomorrow for the United States.

The ending of American military guidance and of the training of Nationalist armies, air force and navy, removed a stumbling block for peace talks between the Nationalists and Communist China. The Reds had charged that Americans were fighting as part of Chiang's war effort.

The Headquarters of the United States West Pacific Fleet under Vice-Admiral Oscar E. Badger, remains at Tsingtao though the training of the Chinese Navy has ended. The Navy has 675 Marine officers and men aboard the transport, Bayfield, in Shanghai for emergency duty in protecting American lives if necessary.

IS DOOR CLOSED?

Official reaction to the Red radio demand that Acting President Li Tsung-jen and all other "war criminals" to prove his desire for peace was that the Reds represent the Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's final attitude, the demand has "closed the door to peace."

Acting President Li sat in on a Cabinet meeting and planned to reply immediately to the Communists. It was understood that he would demand to know if the Reds were sincere in wanting peace and if the broadsheet was "official."

As the Cabinet met, military quarters said that Communist Army scouts of 100 strong sought to cross the Yangtze 32 miles northeast of Nanking in junks, but were driven back.

Peiping dispatches said that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan is negotiating with the Communists to obtain peace for besieged Tientsin. Preparations for giving up the few remaining Nationalist positions in North China, seemed to be well under way.

A Communist spokesman quoted foreign news dispatches on the movement of 150,000 to 200,000 of Chiang's own troops to the southeastern provinces of Chekiang, Kiangsi and Fukien, and said that the "Nanking reactionary government hopes to get three months to reorganise 20 or more divisions to prepare to fight the Communists again."

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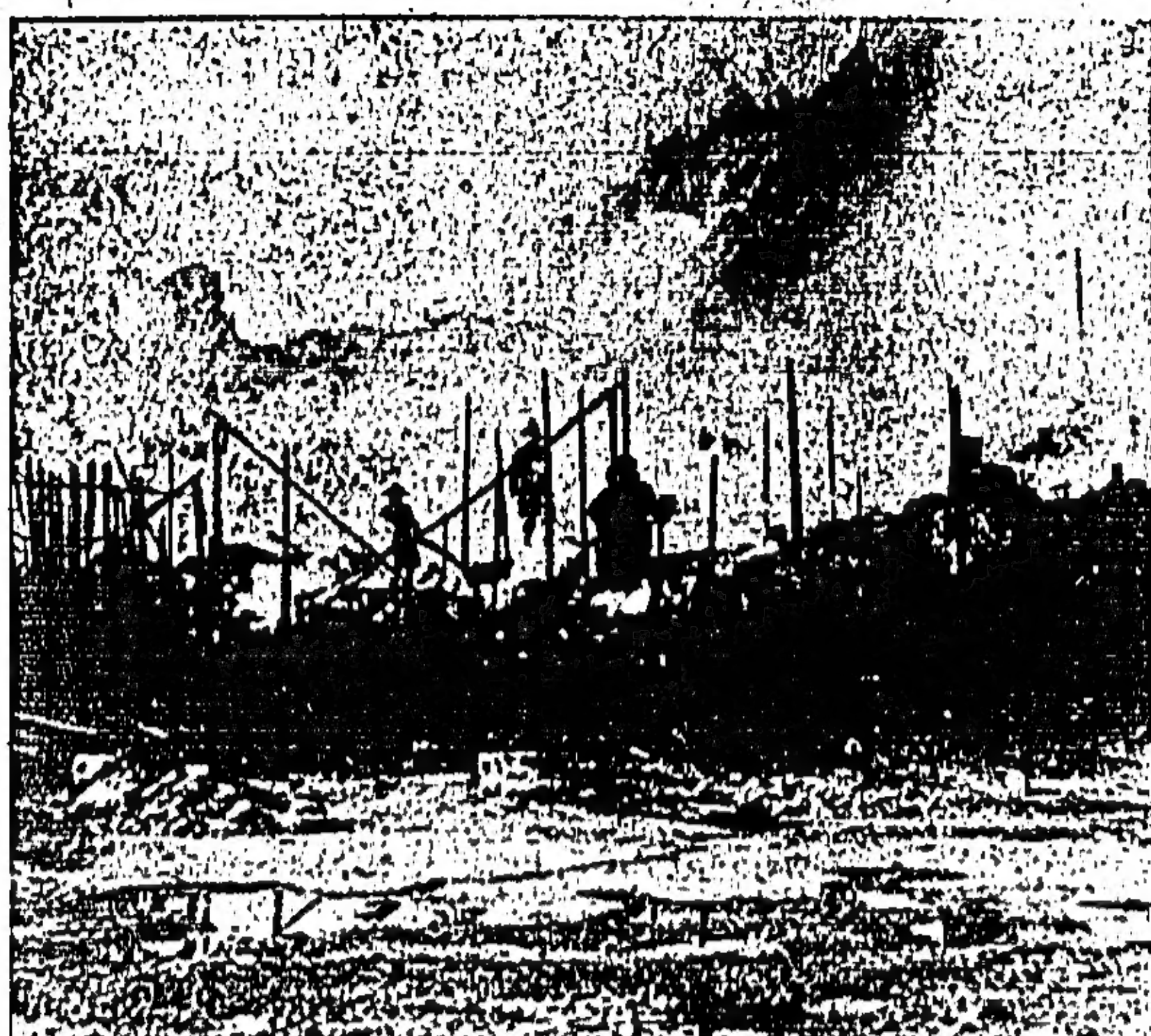
The spokesman claimed that a secret order to this effect was issued by "war criminal" General Ku Chu-tung, chief of the Nationalist General Staff.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Red radio accused the Nanking government of deliberately misrepresenting the meaning of Mao Tse-tung's eight conditions for peace in order to win sympathy among democratic groups in Kuomintang China.

A European diplomat said the strategy of the broadcast was to "bring the Nationalists to a peace conference as beggars holding some military but no political status."

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KOWLOON BLAZE



Firemen play on the burning ruins of squatters huts which caught on fire and were destroyed in the Cosmopolitan Dock area this morning. Picture by Staff Photographer.

Fire Destroys 250 Squatters' Huts

1,000 PEOPLE MADE HOMELESS

About one thousand Chinese have been rendered homeless as the result of a fire in the Taikoktsui area this morning which razed 250 squatters' huts. There were no casualties.

The area is at the back of the Cosmopolitan Dock and in close proximity to the APC oil installation in which direction the wind was blowing at the time.

Spread out among the huts were also several small factories for the production of blown-glass, briquets, joss-sticks and soy. These were, in addition, unsanitary and nearby where the conflagration began was a coffin-maker's shop.

The fire broke out about 8.15 and the flames soon took a strong hold and the area became a raging inferno. The inhabitants were able to escape and they carried as many of their belongings as they could to safety on the roadsides.

QUICKLY CONTROLLED

Shortly after the initial outbreak, the fire-fighting squad of the Cosmopolitan Dock, under the manager, Mr. R. L. Barkus, assisted by a number of workmen, took effective measures to prevent the flames from spreading into the dockyard.

Appliances from the Kowloon Fire Station and the Terminus Station, under Divisional Officer H. Tipple and Station Officer P. Cairns, and Police from Mongkok Station, under Insp. H. Danbrowsky, were rushed to the scene. The fire was under control within about half-an-hour.

Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Commanding Officer (Kowloon), Mr. E. C. Lusk, D.S.P., Inspectors K. McLeod and W. J. Wall were also on the scene.

When asked if there were any casualties a high-ranking Police officer said that as far as they could see they had only found a small cat whose coat had been singed.

The origin of the blaze could not be ascertained. The same area, described by Police as "a den of iniquity," housing opium dens, was the scene of a fire last summer when all the huts were razed.

Robbers Hold Up

KCR Express

An armed band numbering between 40 and 50 last evening halted the Kowloon-Canton express north of Kowloon, between Shekling and Canton City, and robbed the passengers of money and valuables totalling over \$100,000.

The train, which left Kowloon station at 3.30 p.m., was held up by the robbers about 6 p.m. and came to a standstill after several shots were fired. Train guards resisted the attack but were outnumbered. It is reported that one of the guards, who was injured, died in Canton last night. Two passengers were slightly injured. The train arrived in Canton about 9 p.m.

Karens Start Massacre

Rangoon, Jan. 26.—An official statement said on Wednesday that armed Karens have started wholesale slaughter of Burmese villagers in the Irrawaddy delta area.

It said chaotic conditions prevail in the township of Pantanaw, where terror-stricken Burmese were fleeing from burning villages.

A Government spokesman said Burmese were retreating in some Karen areas by burning down Karen villages. The situation was reported out of control in the Maubir area, where the Government said Karens continue a campaign of extinction against Burmese hamlets.

Rebel forces damaged the sluice gates of the Hlawga Dam but the damage was repaired, the spokesman said.

The Karens seek independence from Burma.—Associated Press.

Malay Troops Riot

Singapore, Jan. 26.—About 100 Malay troops rioted tonight in the Alexander Barracks area, Singapore, and burned down four Indian houses.

Several firemen, including one European, were taken to hospital. The trouble began after a quarrel between Malays and Indians over a Malay woman, reports said but no further details were immediately available.—Reuter.

Mr. Bevin Defends Palestine Policy

DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL POSTPONED

Foreign Secretary Stresses Intricacy Of Problem

London, Jan. 26.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons today he would not announce the de facto recognition of Israel by Britain until he had replies from the Commonwealth countries and the Brussels Treaty countries. He added: "I am assuming these replies will be in the next few days when a final act can be taken."

This was the first official indication that Britain had consulted the Brussels Pact powers on recognition as well as the Commonwealth countries.

Mr. Bevin said that other countries had not recognised the State of Israel, but had "recognised the Government of Israel, leaving the matter, as the French did, without prejudice to the frontiers and the rest."

Mr. Bevin said Britain was in close consultation with those Commonwealth Governments which had not yet recognised Israel about de facto recognition. "If we had recognised it at any time up till now our action would have been misunderstood over a very wide area within the Commonwealth."

Some Labour Members laughed and turning round on them, the Foreign Secretary said: "The Commonwealth does not consist only of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa. There are three other States. Have you heard of India? India happens to be part of the Commonwealth. So do Ceylon and Pakistan. They are important factors."

Some of the Commonwealth Governments which had not recognised Israel, had very strong views on the matter, he said.

Mr. Bevin declared that if nothing had broken out again in Palestine it would be very difficult for Britain "to stand by indifferent and inactive."

The Palestine area, he said, "has tremendous importance, not only to the safety of the territory both east and west, but to the safety and defence of Western Europe itself."

"We saw the danger and we reacted quickly, and I must ask for the support of the whole House and the nation that if this area is endangered we will always react quickly."

Mr. Bevin said "it would be very unwise to ignore the position which Pakistan will occupy in future in the politics and development of the Middle East."

That area, he said, "includes Afghanistan and now stretches to Pakistan, which has emerged to full independence as a great Moslem power. Pakistan takes a vital interest in what is happening in the Middle East."

THE ASIAN CONFERENCE

Mr. Bevin added: "It would be very unwise also for this country to ignore the phenomenon of the 'Asian' conference in Delhi. We believe we can maintain friendly association with the peoples of Asia, but we must recognise that Asia, as represented at the Delhi conference, ranged from Burma to Turkey and Egypt, and that this was a coming together of countries for the first time which, I believe, will play a very big part as a cohesive power in the years to come, both in the United Nations and elsewhere."

"Calling on all Members of Parliament to pause and reflect on the significance of these new developments," the Foreign Secretary declared: "Our vital interests run through the whole of that area. There is also keen interest about Palestine among the many millions of Arabs in North Africa. The problem closely affects France, our partner in the Western Union, who shares our special concern for the future of Jerusalem and the holy places."

The Foreign Secretary said Britain had interests, obligations and

responsibilities in maintaining the security and stability in the Middle East.

STEADY SUPPORT

"We have steadily supported all the resolutions of the Security Council as regards both sides in the Palestine dispute. From that policy the British Government are not going to be deterred an inch."

"I am sure we shall have the support of all those with experience of these problems and with knowledge of what is at stake in the Middle East in carrying out this purpose."

Full report of Mr Winston Churchill's scathing criticism of Mr Bevin's Palestine policy will be found on Page 8.

"From 1919 to 1945, there has been within successive United Kingdom Governments a conflict of policy and as far as I can trace it there was never unanimity about how to deal with the problems of the Middle East and especially with Palestine."

"It seems to me that during all that period this country has been trying to ride two very difficult horses at once and we have always been balancing ourselves only with very great difficulty."

"Speeches have been made in all parties pledging support to one or other solution of the Palestine problem, now to the Jews and now to the Arabs."

INCOMPATIBLE PROPOSALS

Most of the proposals were incompatible with our obligations under the mandate, and were not realisable in practice.

"I have always been willing to take note and consider any constructive proposals put forward in this House or elsewhere in trying to grapple with this problem, but I have been confronted with attacks, untruths, half truths and abuse, reflecting not only on me personally but on the British people who have

done so much for the Middle East and for Palestine."

"For a long time, the United States and ourselves have seen eye to eye on the basic Middle East policy of increasing the economic wellbeing and a sense of security in the Middle East."

"The fact that we have from time to time differed on the best means of achieving peace and a lasting settlement in Palestine in no way affects our basic aims."

"There has been the danger that the Middle East might become a second Balkan area torn by internal dissensions and the scene of international rivalry."

"We, for our part, are determined to do all in our power to prevent this happening and in this endeavour we work in close co-operation with the United States."

POOL OF CONSULTANTS

Welcoming President Truman's inauguration statement with regard to assisting other countries in their economic and social development, Mr. Bevin recalled what had been done by the Government in the economic field since 1945, and said he had consulted Mr. George Marshall personally.

"I felt," he said, "that we ought to create a pool of consultants and that we ought to try to join together in the development of the area and seek United States aid."

I am hoping with President Truman's recent declaration that there will be further progress with United States encouragement and help not only in this area but in many other projects of development in which we shall be mutually interested."

"The Middle East is buttressed on the north by Turkey and Greece. The aid and support which the United States and we have been able to give Turkey and Greece have been an important contribution to the stability and security of the whole area."

"The United States have also shown their interest in the maintenance of stable conditions in Persia. We have very great interests in Persia and with the full encouragement of the British Government, the Anglo-Iranian Commission (Continued on Page 5)

EDITORIAL

The Warning To Russia

Mr. Gamman offered to the Hongkong Rotary Club this week a conception of Soviet policy and intentions which, in the light of events during the past two years, is being shared more and more by students of international affairs. Every Kremlin-directed action since the war has been in line with a policy of geographical, political and economic expansionism. International Communism is on the march, a threat not only to established democratic institutions, but a menace to those parts of the world, as yet politically, socially and economically under-developed. There will be few who will quarrel with Mr. Gamman's diagnosis or with his contention that it is necessary to deal promptly and effectively with the threat of Communist world domination. Yet it may be claimed that the show-down which our discomfited visitor desires must come about already in process. In language stronger than any ambassadorial notes or Security Council speeches, the Marshall Plan, Western Union, North Atlantic defence alliance and the stepping up of production for defence in the United States give notice to the Soviet Union that the democracies are prepared to resist any future Russian belligerency. All the signs today are that the Western Powers are fully conscious of the gravity of the cold war, and there is no justification for the suggestion that the United States and her friends intend to follow a policy of weak-kneed appease-

ment. In this respect British foreign policy adopted by the present government is consistent with the demands of the day and invites the confidence of the British peoples as well as their allies. Moreover, as it was recently indicated in the House of Commons, determination to resist aggression, from whatever quarter, includes within its geographical boundaries the colony of Hongkong. And to us here that pronouncement was of supreme importance, for, while it may appear to the visitor that Hongkong is relatively indifferent to the political developments in China, they are, in fact, occupying a good deal of anxious attention. The idea of hostile forces along the Colony's frontiers makes no more appeal today than it did in 1941, and remembering how then, Hongkong was left to defend itself with hopelessly inadequate forces, the assurance from British ministers as well as from opposition MPs such as Mr. Gamman that next time the Colony is to be defended at all costs promotes a feeling of confidence not hitherto experienced. The implications of a Communist-controlled China cannot be missed in this part of the world, and while it is true there is a general hope that the Chinese Communists will not turn out to be Soviet counterparts, this is not being allowed to develop into a condition of complacency. Hongkong is watchful, willing to be friendly with all who choose, but ready, with the aid of the Mother country, to defend herself against any who would infringe her sovereignty.



After fluffing on powder with a puff, Movie Star Janis Carter blends it with her fingertips.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH the cost of living as what it is, the average woman has to keep a keen eye on the beauty budget. She can't afford to be wasteful. Many women buy toiletries that stand on the shelves of the bathroom cabinet, and are soon forgotten. Or they purchase more items than their purse needs require. It is well to know what to select and how to conserve fragrant cosmetics.

Two creams are desirable for the average complexion: one a fairly light emollient to be used for the purpose of removing makeup or to soften a skin that is dry and chapped; a heavier one for massage at night after the face has been washed with a bland soap. The heavier consistency offers resistance to the fingers so that manipulations go deeper into the flesh to tone the underlying fibres and to coax the blood streams to get into a livelier state of action.

No need for using creams lavishly. After all, it is the friction that does the most good, removing dead scales, helping the skin surface to keep smooth and of fine texture.

Most women are powder-wasters. They fluff it on generously, remove most of it. Which seems pretty senseless to this preacher of pulchritude. Use a little, then add as necessary.

Perfumes were never as expensive as they are now. If you have fared forth in a reckless mood, spent a considerable sum for a favourite scented scent, do not let it stand on your dressing table because the bottle is quaint and pretty. Put it away in a dark cabinet. Warmth and light will cause perfume to evaporate. Keep it tightly stoppered.

On one cosmetic, do not economize, and that is the hand lotion. Use it freely. If you belong to the grand army of housewives, have a bottle in the kitchen, one in every bathroom, apply the contents at least twice a day. With your mitts in and out of water frequently, they are robbed of the natural oil that keeps them smooth.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"One-Utensil" Mixing Method

YEARS ago I taught my cooking classes the "One- Utensil" method of mixing batter for cake and hot breads. Then there came a period of elaborate cooking when the sky seemed the limit on the preparation and number of dishes used by many cooking teachers and consequently by many homemakers.

Today the cycle is complete, and at last the science of cookery has come back to the common-sense idea that the fewer the dishes the better the cook, and the "one bowl" method is being presented as headline cooking news.

Large Saucepan

But I do not use a bowl. Instead throughout my entire career I have always advocated mixing batter in a large saucepan. Clumpy, heavy mixing bowls are taboo in my kitchen.

"I agree that the sauce pan with a rounded bottom is a much better utensil for mixing a batter than a heavy bowl," said the Chef. "The handle is a great help in holding the utensil firm while creaming butter and beating a batter. The rounded bottom does away with all corners, so it is easy to mix the ingredients together."

"A flat wooden spoon shaped like a spatula is of importance in mixing a cake," the Chef went on. "It has a long handle that is easy to hold, and does not cut into the hand like a metal spoon. It is very light to use, and is quiet in its operation. It does not clink against the bowl as metal does. And besides, I find that the wooden spoon makes butter shorten cream soft more quickly than metal."

"Given an accurate measuring cup and measuring spoons, there's just one utensil besides the sauce pan and spoon that I need when making muffins or plain cake, and that's a rubber dish scraper," I said. "It's useful in scraping every bit of batter out of the utensil."

Metal Spatula

"For that I use an easy-bending metal spatula," said the Chef, "and when I finish scraping out the batter, the utensil is so clean I can use it right away for mixing a new dish."

Both methods are good," I conceded. "As to the flour and dry ingredients, they can be sifted onto a large sheet of waxed paper instead of a plate. If you use lettuce

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It will only make a ripple in life of this mother

By FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK.

Most young women who knew for certain that within the next three months they would be going to get a birthday present of between £800,000 and £1,000,000 might be forgiven for being a little excited about it.

But April 23 this year, her 21st birthday, will make no more than a temporary ripple in the life of Mrs John Agar, of Hollywood.

The routine that morning will be the same as on every other morning: first, bathe the baby and dress her; then put her in the pram and take her for a walk in the high-walled garden—the only gateway of which is a precaution against kidnappers, is guarded by an intricate electrical mechanism.

Full-time Job

Young Mrs Agar—better known to filmgoers as Shirley Temple—is one of the few child stars who will get dollars instead of disillusionment for her birthday gift.

That, perhaps, is due to the fact that her father is a banker, and years ago when he saw how the money was pouring in he gave up his banking and devoted all his time to managing his little girl's estate.

Shirley today, is a person of consequence in her own right. In America's Who's Who she rates 50 lines, more than Mr Truman by five lines.

Yet she has not allowed fame or wealth to spoil her.



YOUNG MRS. AGAR Shirley Temple to you. All I want is to play character roles, and go on making pictures for the rest of my life.

Pros And Cons Of Rice Diet

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

RECENTLY I have received many letters from people who want to know just what can be expected from the rice diet in cases of high blood pressure.

Like every other treatment for high blood pressure, this one has both advantages and disadvantages. Its chief value seems to lie in the fact that it is low in salt, and recent studies show, that a low intake of salt may be quite helpful in many cases of high blood pressure.

Of course, it goes without saying that if the cause of high blood pressure can be determined, treatment should be directed towards the condition which is keeping the pressure up. But, in many instances, no definite reason for it can be found. It is in these cases that the low salt diet should be tried.

In no instance, however, should such dieting be attempted without the direction of a physician, because lowering the salt content of the body may produce such symptoms as weakness, sickness at the stomach and muscle cramps, before a fall in the blood pressure occurs.

Kidney Disease

In patients with severe kidney disease and hardened arteries, the low salt diet may be a factor in bringing on uremia, a condition in which waste products are retained in the body. It has also been found that the low salt diet must be followed for a period of weeks before its effect on the blood pressure can be determined. With this in mind, the amount of urea in the blood to be checked at regular intervals. Only a physician can do this.

To increase the loss of salt from the body, certain preparations containing mercury may be given by injection. When the mercurials are used, the patient may be given a more liberal diet. The mercurial preparations are given by injection about twice a week under your physician's guidance.

In most cases, the patient with high blood pressure and a normal amount of urea in the blood may

use the low salt diet together with the mercury for a period of three weeks at least, or until the desired effect of lowering the blood pressure occurs. If a drop in the blood pressure does not result in this period of time, it is not likely that a low salt diet will have any value for the patient. If the blood pressure does drop, the physician will work out a dietary plan that will keep the salt content of the body low.

If there is sufficient damage to the kidneys to make it necessary to cut down the eating of proteins, such as come from meat, milk and eggs, rice may be used as the main source of calories and protein. Such patients may take a quart to a quart and a half of fluids a day.

Other methods of treatment for high blood pressure, such as the cutting of certain nerves, have been suggested. But these are drastic and, before any surgery is carried out, it would seem the better part of wisdom to try the low salt diet.

Greatcoat For Winter



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

THE FUR TRIMMED greatcoat I designed for real winter wear is a new note, and a nice one, since the fur adds a decorative note without detracting from the utilitarian purpose of the coat. Camels hair and wool mixture is used for this model with nutria pockets to lend it luxurious note. It is double breasted and has brown buttons. A brown cashmere scarf is slipped through the classic collar and revers. This is a good all-purpose coat for everyday wear.

Household Hints

To remove ice cream or cream stains from washable materials, sponge the cloth first with cold or lukewarm water, then wash in warm soapsuds. If the material is not washable, sponge the spot with carbon tetrachloride. After this has dried, sponge with cold water.

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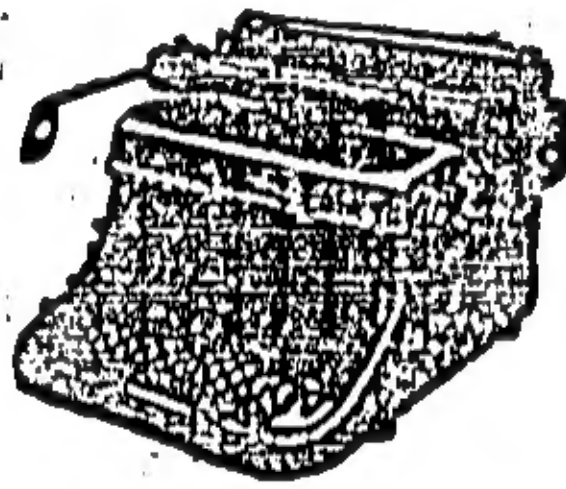
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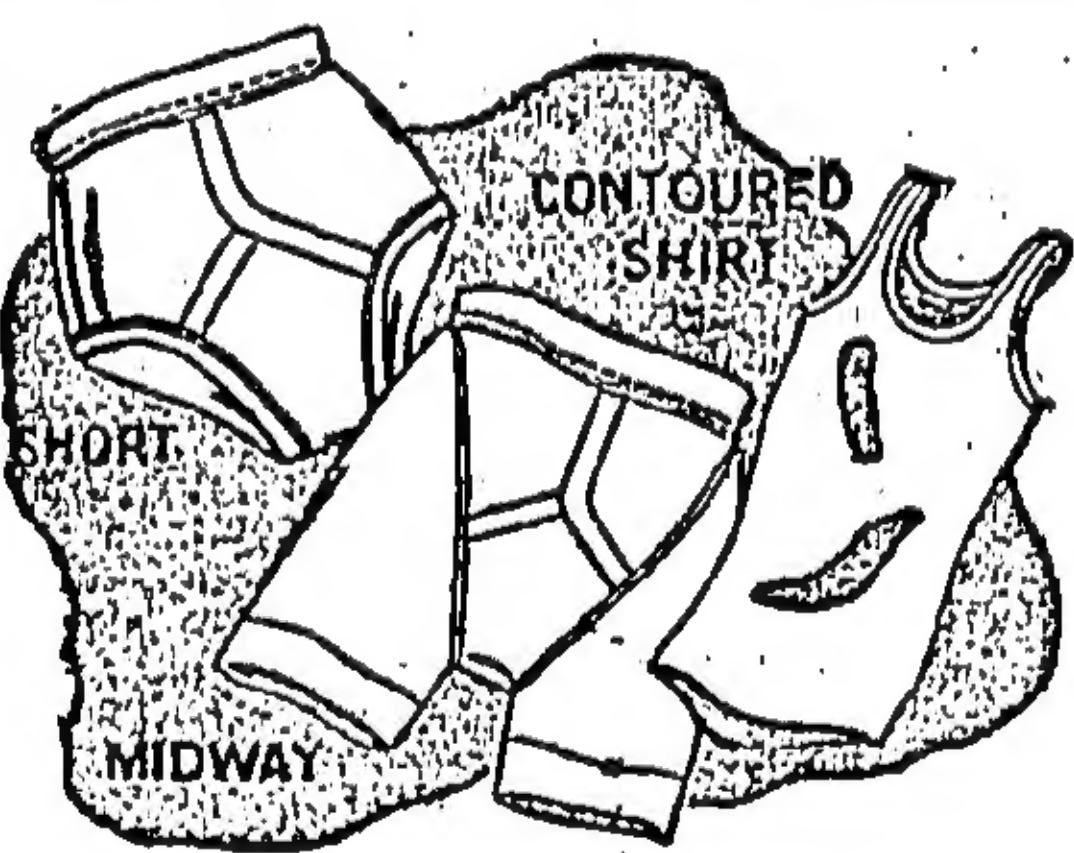


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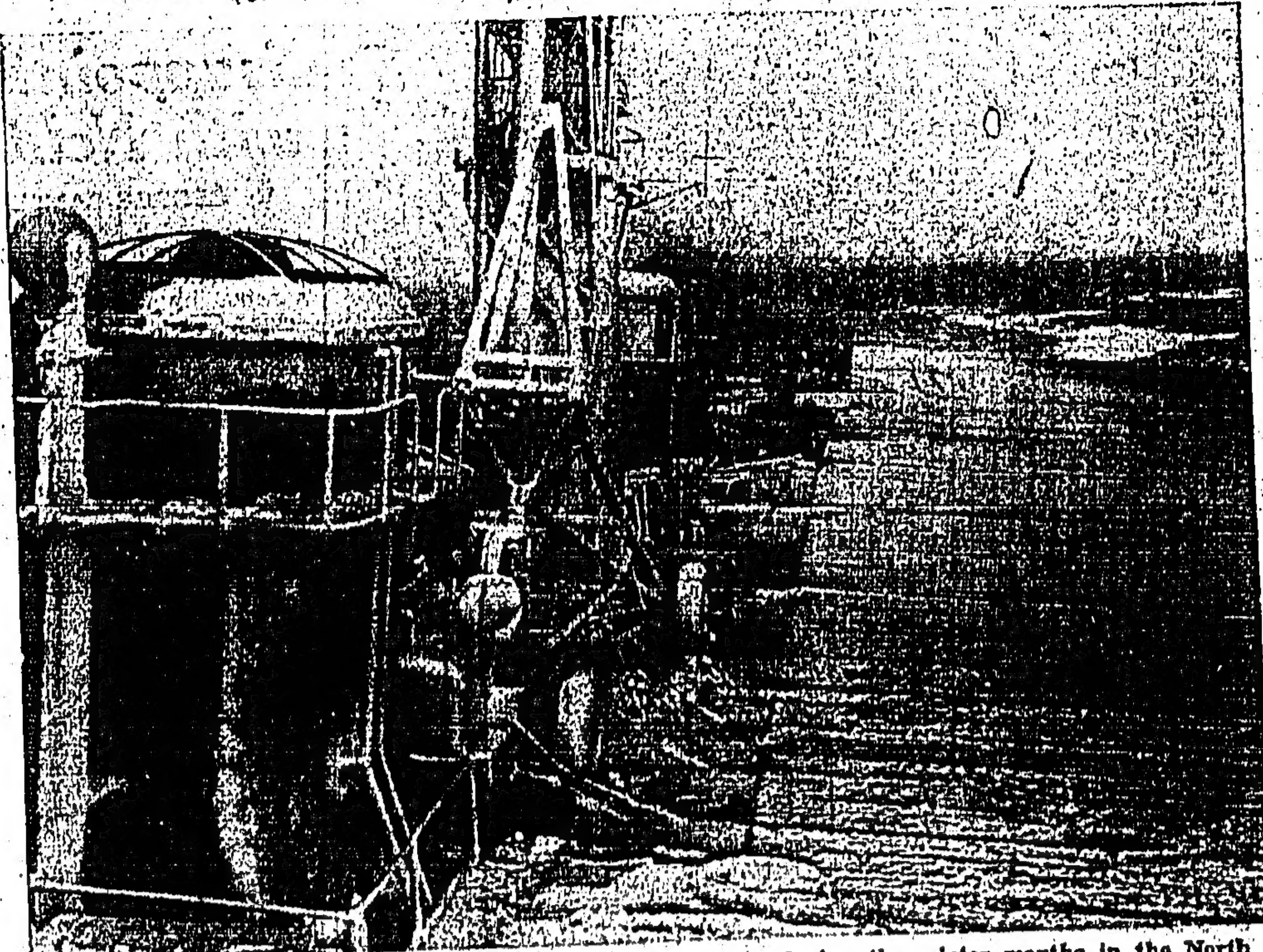
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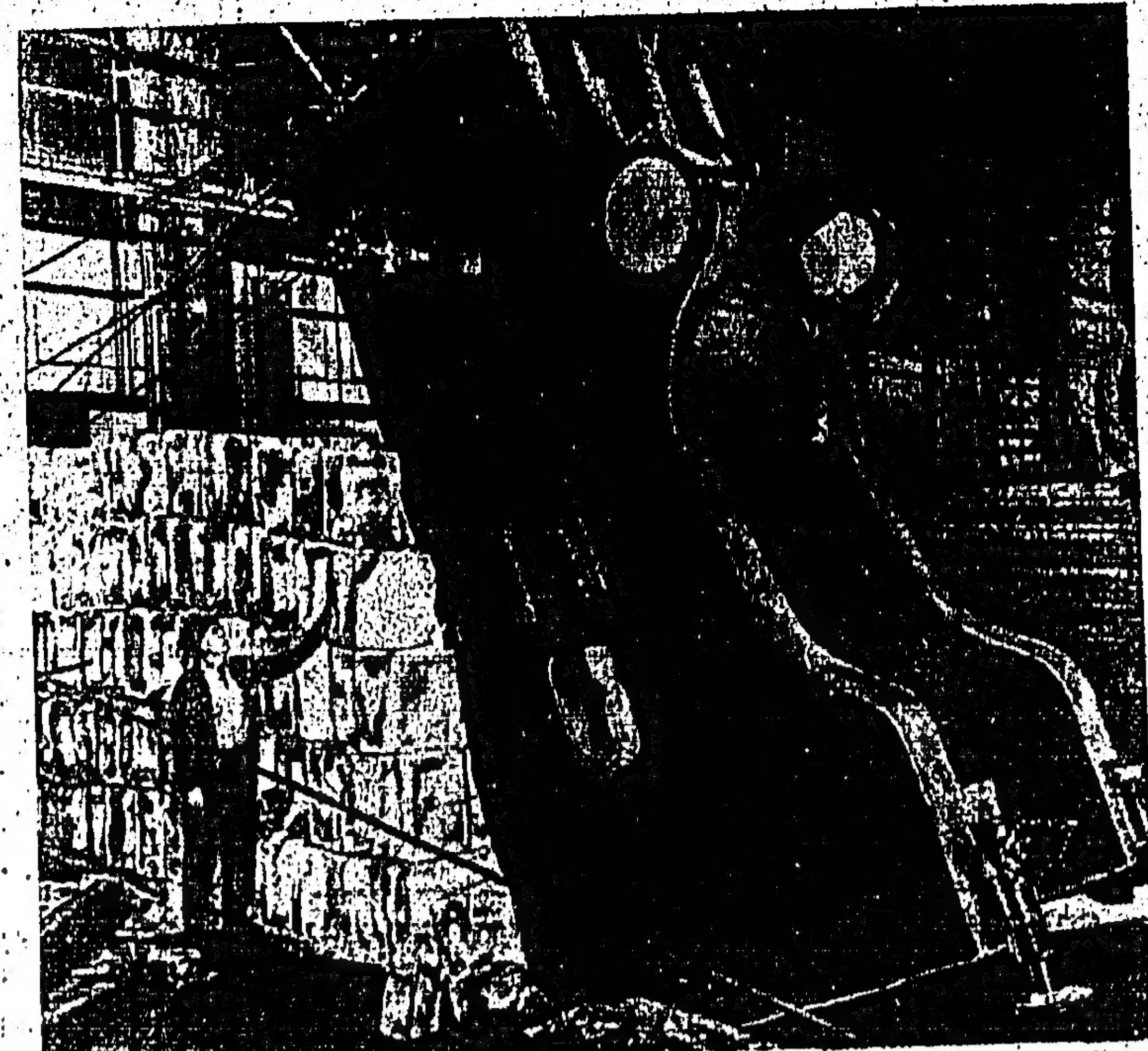
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CARRIER AT SEA—Duty on the U.S.S. Saipan is no soft job during the winter months in the North Atlantic. Ice has covered the flight deck and gear of the gigantic aircraft carrier. Here she ploughs along in the cold waters on her return from Greenland, where she was rushed in an attempt to rescue stranded airmen.



SAILING LASSIE—This pert New Zealand lass on the deck of a yacht off Kawaii Island handles the wheel in ladies' races off the island.



ON ICE—A workman checks the descent of a huge press in an auto plant in Muncie, Indiana. The 60-ton stack of ice eases the press gently into position on the floor as it melts away. Otherwise the huge press might slip and cause considerable damage.



BEAUTY IS OUR BUSINESS—The shapely Parisi sisters of Milan continue to display as much of their bodies as ever in local variety shows despite the Italian government's morality campaign. "To keep us from showing our legs," they maintain, "would be like prohibiting shops from using show windows."



TIGHTENING UP—Markgraf policemen of the Soviet sector of Berlin check mail bags for contraband on the border of the American and Russian sectors.



FEEDING TIME—Lydia Diaz feeds a peacock at a New York poultry exhibition and the bird seems mighty pleased as it displays its fancy tail.



COAL WAR PROGRESS—Captain Gene M. Patton of Harlingen, Texas, marks the 100,000th plane load of cargo flown into Berlin. Sgt. Richard Hosmer, left, and Lt. Robert McGuire, helped to ferry the 10 tons of coal to Tegel Airfield.



LADY REGULARS—A recruiting officer administers the oath to the first regular women Marines to be enlisted in metropolitan New York. The lady Leather-necks are all from the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.



THIS IS MY OWN, MY NATIVE LAND?—A group of more than 2,000 Berliners, who jammed Taberna Academica Auditorium in the British sector to attend a meeting of "World Citizens", glumly listens while leaders explain their aims. The group came into being when Gary Davis renounced his American citizenship to become a "citizen of the world."

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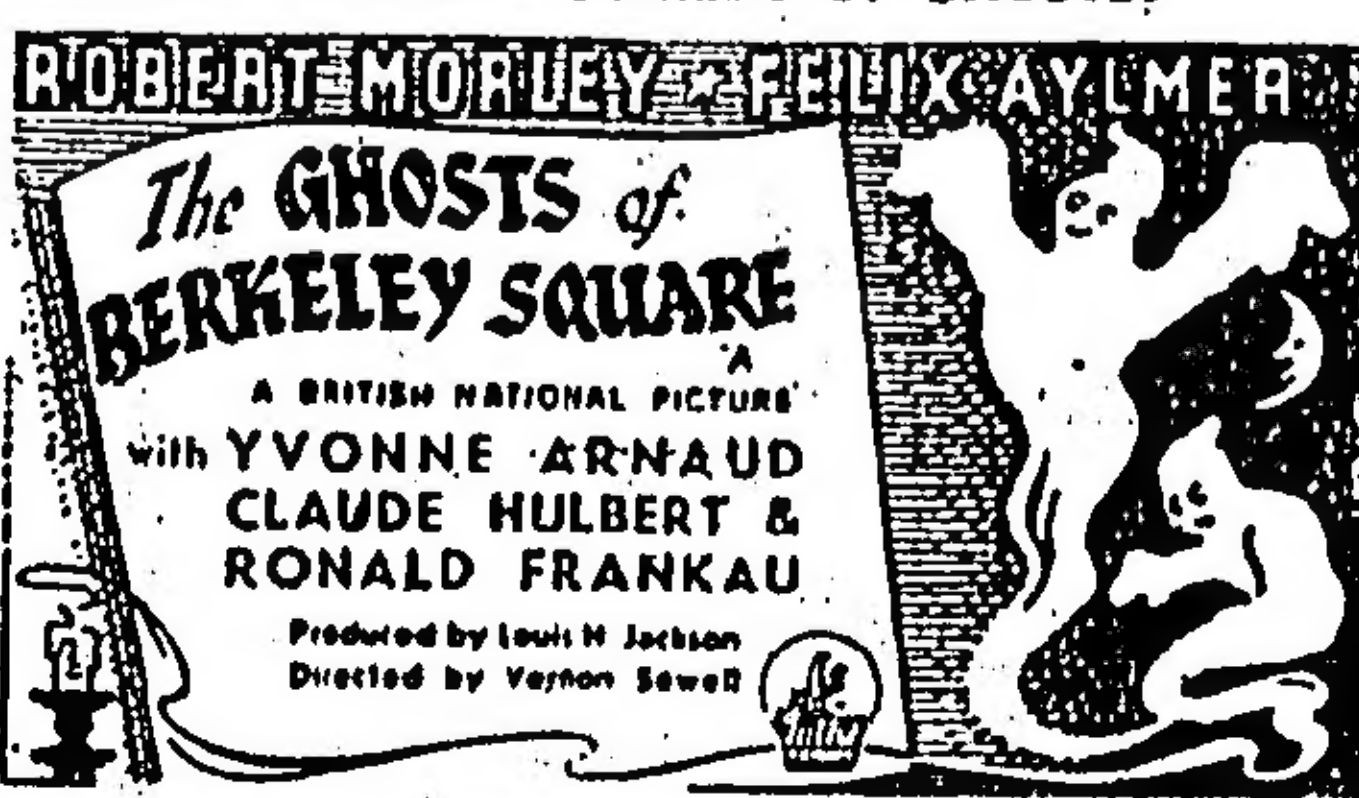
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WHY CHIANG LOST THE WAR

BY DOUGLAS LARSEN



Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, shown here inspecting troops, had his best military year in 1946. Since then, the tide of battle had always been against him.

CONSISTENT violation of two old rules of warfare by the Chinese Nationalist strategists has led to China's present military disaster, according to a consensus of military experts.

First, Chiang Kai-shek's generals have ignored the military maxim that wars can't be won with defensive tactics.

Second, they have neglected the factor of troop morale. It takes soldiers with a strong will to win to make successful armies.

On the other hand, the Communist generals have concentrated on maintaining good morale while they have cleverly avoided all defensive action.

Since V-J Day the pattern of the Chinese war has been something like this:

Nationalist troops were sent out to capture the cities and supply lines, while completely ignoring the farms and rural areas. It was done with no opposition and troops were garrisoned in the cities. Communist troops hid or temporarily disbanded.

Raiding Actions

COMMUNIST offensives began after Chiang's troops were comfortably settled in the cities. There were continuous, heckling, raiding actions on the cities and supply lines, usually at night. When Nationalist troops marched out to find them next day, the Communist soldiers were gone. At the same time the lines supplying the cities would be constantly cut and kept closed as much as possible.

While this was going on the Reds would live comfortably on farms between raids and battles, while Nationalist troops

slowly starved in the isolated cities. The Red generals fought all their battles on their own terms.

While insisting on maintaining this constant weakening defence, Chiang's generals ignored the morale of their troops. The men were given scarcely any furlough time. They were ill-fed and ill-paid. Most of them were forced into service. When they occasionally won a battle they were not rewarded. There was practically no such thing as an advance in rank. They received practically no training before they were sent into action.

On the other hand, Red troops were carefully trained, given long, periodic furloughs,

had taken most of the cities deep in northern Manchuria. And he had just been given over a million dollars' worth of surplus U.S. arms left on the Pacific islands.

During the temporary Nationalist-Communist truce which just preceded Chiang's most successful advances, the Red generals successfully welded together a strong army of about one million men. While Nationalist troops were being settled in the cities, Red troops were receiving intensive training. Soviet arms left behind when Russian troops were pulled out of Manchuria gave the Communist soldiers plenty of excellent equipment.

After June 1946, the tide of battle turned against Chiang's forces. The heckling of the cities, the constant cutting of supply lines, the falling morale of troops quartered for endless months in lonely cities did the trick. Chiang's generals continued to ignore the rural areas, never discovered how to start an offensive action and disregarded the troop morale factor.

During the ensuing two and a half years, Chiang's generals made other serious mistakes. Instead of keeping the American-trained divisions intact, they were broken up into small units and scattered among the various other divisions. The American-trained officers were relieved of high commands and were supplanted by politician-generals.

Biggest Blunder

BIGGEST Nationalist blunder was the inept use of air power. The Communists had no air force to speak of. Chiang's forces had up to 500 good combat aeroplanes and many good pilots. But maintenance was ignored, and the planes seldom got into the air.

A serious shortage of aviation gasoline was made more acute by the poor use of what was available. Most of it was used to fly transport planes to the isolated cities, which were hopelessly lost anyway. Practically no petrol was allotted for pilot training. It meant that pilots were rusty when they did get into combat missions, and the fuel was further wasted.

Advice of the American-trained Chinese fliers was ignored. Such tactics as saturation bombing of guerrilla bands were tried. They were completely ineffective. Lack of morale among maintenance crews, poor leadership and the gasoline shortage ruined the morale of the pilots, the experts believe.

Instead of trying to solve these problems, however, the Nationalist strategists spent their time trying to buy more planes. Recently they managed to buy 150 Mosquito bombers from the Canadians. But poor handling of the shipment of these planes by the Chinese wrecked more than 50 of them before they were ever turned over to the Chinese Air Force.

Impartial military experts are unwilling to discuss the charges that corruption and graft flourished among Chiang's high officers. They have confined their views to the purely military aspect of the problem.

RADIO ROUND-UP BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Moscow is disappointed with Nellie

By GEORGE CAMPEY

RUSSIAN radio listeners have been hearing the New Year launched by way of Bob and Nellie Clark. Who are the Clarks? They are described as "a typical English family." Nellie is the daughter of the household, Bob her brother.

Through the Clarks, the BBC, on their overseas service, are trying to teach the Russians English. The family's daily activities form the basis of lessons put out from this country.

These lessons are published beforehand in Britanskoy Soyuznik. COI paper published in Moscow, formerly known as British Ally.

Last episode in the Clark saga was "Seeing the New Year in."

But before it was due to be broadcast it came under hot fire from Moscow Radio.

It seems that Nellie Clark had a New Year resolution: to get up half an hour earlier every morning and walk to the office instead of taking a bus.

Moscow was interested in this. Walking was good for anybody. But the Soviet reader and listener, said Moscow's anonymous commentator, would be surprised that it was necessary for Nellie to save bus fares.

"Is the Clark family so poor?" he asked. "What a strange thing to take into consideration! It sounds a giggling, cheese-paring kind of resolution."

Cigarettes, too!

Bob Clark also had a resolution: to smoke only 10 cigarettes a day instead of 20.

Said the commentator about this: "Well, the price of cigarettes being what it is, that's a New Year resolution that will probably be kept longer than most."

Neither Bob nor Nellie had any other resolutions. This moved the broadcaster to indignation: "Can't they find anything better than that? Such resolutions have about the same span of life as the diary that peters out at the end of the first month."

"There has been a terrible war," he added, "and the country is in a difficult economic position, but all that Bob and Nellie of the BBC think of is saving bus fares and cutting down smoking, and the second of these is probably a case of making a virtue of necessity."

Then he contrasted this with the New Year resolutions of the Soviet: afforestation, building of reservoirs, improving the harvest in arid regions.

And he drew this picture of his own neighbours' prospects in the New Year: One was "waiting for the spring to have her apartment decorated," another was "looking for some new furniture," a third was "planning a thorough renovation of her family's wardrobe."

"When we turn back to the Clarks the impression is rather a sad one—or it would be if one really believed that young people in Britain were thinking of nothing better."

"The BBC notwithstanding, one can't help believing that they've got more sense."

'Peace comes first'

"Towards the end of the lesson Nellie Clark proposes a toast to 1949 and joy to the family. Well, that's optimistic but pretty vague."

"At the Soviet tables there will be rather more definite toasts, to the things that mean most to us—to our work, to the better life we are striving for, and to the one thing we most of all and that Bob and Nellie need just as much—and that's peace."

"And although the compilers of the BBC's lessons don't seem to think that peace is important enough to include, or perhaps it is rather unfashionable, we are sure that for Bob and Nellie Clark, as for all the other Bobs and Nelles in the world, peace is the dearest wish of all."

NANCY

Point of View

By Ernie Bushmiller



PWD LARCENY TRIAL:

Police Witness
Denies Defence
Allegation

A suggestion made by Mr Percy Chen (Counsel for Kwok Kwong) that a statement made by Kwok was obtained by telling the accused that he would go free, was denied by Mr J. Johnston, ASP, when the trial of Kwok and Austin Spary, employees of the Public Works Department, continued this morning at the Criminal Sessions before Mr Justice Reynolds, who ruled that their statements were admissible except for the latter portion of Spary's statement.

Accused are Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department. They are charged on nine counts of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ, is appearing for Kwok, and Spary is represented by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths. Appearing for the prosecution is Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr D. G. MacPherson, and Mr J. Johnston, ASP.

The jury empanelled comprises four men and three women. Yesterday, evidence as to the admissibility of accused's statements was heard by the Court in the absence of the jury. His Lordship informed the jury this morning that the Court ruled that those statements were admissible, except that part of Spary's statement made at Hinghom at 4.30 p.m. Regarding Kwok's statement, the Court also ruled that it was admissible, but only relevant portions would be read to the Court.

Mr J. Johnston, ASP, of the Special Branch, first read the statement made by Spary at his office in Wanchai. The statement was in the form of answers and questions, and the first question put was that Mr Johnston was investigating alleged malpractices in the PWD depot in Kowloon and asking whether Spary knew of any electrical work done for the CPA at Kai Tak.

The answer stated that Spary had been connected several weeks before-hand by a European of CPA. He could not recall the name. The man asked Spary if he knew of anyone who could fix some electrical work at Kai Tak and Spary said he would get in touch with Kwok Kwong, who would recommend one. Spary went on to say that the same man rang him later and told him that for some reason the contractor had stopped work.

He later spoke to Kwok, who told him the contractor had not been paid. Kwok did not say what contractor, Spary said he had nothing more to do with the matter.

Spary said in the statement, in answer to another question, that he had passed the CPA Kai Tak about two months ago. He passed the time of the day with Harris there. He never mentioned electrical wiring.

GOVT. MATERIALS
Mr Johnston said that at this point Spary asked for further light to be thrown on the investigation and was then told that certain allegations had been made that Government materials had been used. Spary replied that he knew nothing about it Kwok Kwong and May, who were in charge of Hinghom, could do what they liked.

Mr Johnston next read in part Kwok Kwong's statement made on August 11. Kwok said he had known Spary since 1946. Spary was in charge of Hinghom workshop. Spary had taken him about March 1948 to Kai Tak and there shown him some bills belonging to CPA. Kwok was shown in position of lights in two huts and was asked to wire them.

Spary did not say who was to do the work, but he understood that Spary wanted him to use Government workmen on it. Kwok stated that with Government workmen at Kai Tak and the materials used were Government materials. The work took from March until July. He received three cheques for the work, totalling \$5,240. He used Cheong King's billboards for the work, but Cheong King had nothing to do with it. He used the billboards because Cheong King was a registered contractor. Kwok said he gave all this money to Spary.

He also did the re-wiring of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club for Spary. He carried out the work with PWD tools and materials. He received \$700 for the work and gave it to Spary. There were two fans to be installed. Spary brought them from Hongkong. One was noisy and was later changed.

Another job he did for Spary was at the Cecilia Beauty Salon. Spary told him to install 10 power sockets. He carried the work out with PWD men and materials. The job cost \$501. The mistress paid him and he gave the money to Spary. Spary knew that on these three jobs Kwok was using PWD workmen and materials.

REMARKS TO JURY
Here his Lordship informed the jury that requests made by accused persons, the jury should only take into consideration evidence made against themselves. For instance, where an accused made a statement mentioning another person, the jury should only consider the evidence made against that

particular accused and should disregard the evidence made against any other person mentioned in the statement.

Cross-examined by Mr Chen, witness said he had been making inquiries relating to the PWD before August 11. He obtained some information. He had been working on the matter for about three weeks. He had certain information about certain people. He had a meeting with his assistants. Inspectors MacPherson and Morrison on the evening of August 10 regarding the investigation. At that meeting he told his assistants of certain plans he had made.

Witness said that on August 11 he made a raid on the Hinghom workshop. It was at a time when all the workmen would be assembled there. He agreed that detectives took up positions at the doors to the workshop. He was accompanied by Inspectors MacPherson and Morrison and the chief Chinese detective, Lu Mook.

Witness said he told the workmen to remain quietly where they were and that they would be questioned. He turned the workshop over to him. He and Lu Mook spoke to Kwok, who made a statement confirming his suspicions. He did not at that moment take the statement down because evidence from 60 persons had to be taken. He also meant to question Kwok all that day if necessary. Also he had to test his evidence.

Mr Chen: You did not regard his statement at that time to be worth much?

Witness: It was confirmation of what I knew but without further evidence to support it.

In other words what you are telling the Court is this: When this man makes a practical confession, according to you, you just stand aside. You are going to attend to other business first?—That's what we did.

NO INDUCEMENT

I put it to you that you induced him, not then, but later, to make a statement like this when you wrote it down by telling him that if he made a statement like this he would go free?—I did not induce him.

In other words you and Lu Mook held out a promise to him that if he came clean you would use his evidence against either Spary or May and that he would go free?—I never did.

Did you subsequently make such an offer to Ho Ting?—No.

To Au Pui?—No.

To Ko Lin?—No.

Did you make such an offer to Ho Sun?—No.

Witness said that Kwok's statement was made at about 11.45 p.m. that night. He said that Ho Ting had not been arrested then. In fact he did not know of Ho's existence then.

Witness said that as far as he could remember he did see Ho Ting

No Cardinal
For Stars'
Wedding

Rome, Jan. 26.—Because of the glare of publicity, Tyrone Power and Linda Christian will probably have no Cardinal to celebrate their wedding in Rome tomorrow. It was learned from usually well-informed Vatican sources.

The bride-to-be went for towards confirming this when she told journalists and photographers: "You see what you have done? Because of all the publicity the Cardinal may not want to officiate."

Yesterday the couple received informal assurances that Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, Arch-Priest of St Peter's Church, would officiate at tomorrow morning's ceremony in the Church of Santa Francesca Romana. Today the Vatican sources said the Holy See had decided that the occasion did not warrant the presence of a Prince of the Church.

Cardinal Tedeschini's secretary said tonight that the Cardinal would not officiate.

A denial of reports that he is to officiate will be printed in Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, the secretary said.

The Vatican sources said that an English-speaking Prelate of the North American College would probably perform the ceremony.—Associated Press.

in Yaumati Police Station on August 12.

Mr Chen: I put it to you that you saw Ho Ting in Yaumati Police Station?

Witness: I may have done.

And that Ho Ting was in the same room with Kwok Kwong when they were questioned in Yaumati?—Not that I remember.

And that after they had been questioned by Inspector MacPherson you and Lu Mook took Kwok into another room and there you wrote that statement out?—No.

Witness said he wrote the statement out himself. He explained that the interpreter present did not do so because it was always the investigating officer who wrote statements.

Mr Chen: Why was this statement not written in Chinese by Kwok?

Witness: In my experience statements were never written in Chinese. It would be a very good innovation for a man who makes a statement to write that statement himself in his own language so that he can read it?—I have never heard of that in my experience.

You are not a Welshman?—No.

Well, it's done in Wales?—It's not done in Hongkong.

TIME NOT NOTED

Witness agreed that the time and place was noted on the statement made by Spary, but not on the statement made by Kwok. The reason was the statement was taken after a hard day's work. It was taken in a hurry, as there was a lot to be done that day. Witness said it was not strange not to note the time and place on a statement.

Witness explained that as Kwok's statement amounted to a confession, his statement was not taken in the form of questions and answers, as in the case of Spary's statement.

Mr Chen pointed to that portion of Kwok's statement where it was stated that it was he who presented the Cheong King bill, but that the "evidence" in Court was not Kwok. He also drew the attention of witness to another point in which Kwok was said to have stated that the mistress of the Cecilia Beauty Salon had paid him, whereas according to the evidence Tam Wing was the man who got the cheque.

Witness said he would down what was told him by Kwok.

Mr Chen: You had a theory when you went to Hinghom that morning?

Witness: I had information. I went there with information to check it and I made inquiries.

You went there to get your facts to support your theory?—Yes.

I put it to you that you induced this statement from this man (Kwok Kwong) by telling him directly or through your interpreter that if he gave you the statement he would be allowed to go free?—Never.

The trial is continuing.

BEVIN
DEFENDS
POLICY

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pany have made a big and increasing contribution to the economic and social progress of that area."

Mr Bevin said that Pakistan, as the great Moslem power, had great interest in the Middle East and he emphasized the importance of the recent conference in New Delhi.

He went on: "We believe we can maintain friendly association with the peoples of Asia but we must recognize that Asia as represented at the conference ranges from Burma to Turkey and Egypt."

Mr Bevin added: "This Government did not create the Palestine problem." He said the Balfour Declaration promised the same thing to two peoples, and added: "If the burden is difficult now it is because the statements of those days did not face the problem fearlessly, resolutely, and finally."

It was no service to posterity to take refuge in contradictory statements to the Arabs and the Jews, he said.

Mr Churchill was Colonial Secretary in 1922, and I admire his extraordinary ingenuity, but can he deny that he too was faced with a problem to which there was no real solution.

"The criticism of this Government is that we have been unable to settle in three and a half years what everybody has been trying to solve by a succession of Commissions and White Papers."

DIFFERENT DEMAND
Recalling that the Balfour Declaration promised the establishment of a national home for the Jews, Mr Bevin said: "When I came to deal with this problem we were faced not with the demand for a national home but for a Jewish State."

"This development made a more intense conflict with the Arabs inevitable. It also meant that we had a thing not contemplated by the Balfour Declaration or under the League of Nations."

"The State of Israel is now a fact and we have not tried or done anything to undo it. At the same time, the tide of Arab nationalism has been running high. This has been deepened by the ordinary Arab people and will produce a very serious situation unless handled with very great care."

"I think the Arabs have a cause that has got to be considered."

Recalling the assistance Britain had received from the Arabs during the last war, Mr Bevin declared: "I do not think it is in the tradition of the British Army to forget their friends and I am certainly not a Foreign Secretary who is going to make a start in that direction."

PROFOUND INJUSTICE

The Foreign Secretary went on: "The Arabs feel as profoundly as the Jews that it is the problem of Palestine right is on their side. They consider that an Arab population has been occupying Palestine for some 20 centuries and that to be turned out of their land to make way for another race is to them a profound injustice."

Following an intervention by Mr Sidney Silverman, Jewish Member of Parliament, who said that the Israelis had not turned anyone out but had done their utmost to persuade the Arabs to stay, Mr Bevin retorted: "The fact is that 500,000 Arabs have gone and are refugees, and I don't think they walked out voluntarily."

"It is a marvel to me that there has been little world conscience for that tragedy."

"The tragic problem of Palestine is to find some solution for the conflicting points of view without the Middle East sinking into chaos in the process."

It was absolutely untrue that the Government encouraged Arab Government or forces to attack Israel.

"I uttered every warning I could to the Arab Governments not to indulge in this business, but the feeling and situation had run so high that I am afraid it would have been little use doing other than what happened," he said.

DISRESPECT FOR UN

Outlining the recent events in Palestine, Mr Bevin pointed out that only 11 days after the appointment of the Conciliation Committee another attack was launched by the Jews in the Negev.

"We are members of the United Nations," he said, "and if the United Nations is ever going to succeed, I do think some means have got to be created in which there is to be respect for the decisions of the Security Council."

It was at this point, he said, where the real difficulty arose. "When things get out of hand in the exuberance of victory, you don't know where they are going and where they will finish up. Therefore we kept in daily touch with the times."

"Mr Bevin said that there had been a good deal of propaganda by the revisionists claiming the whole of the Transjordan, which looked on the face of it the beginning of another aggressive mentality."

SECURITY PROBLEMS
He also said: "These events create problems of internal security. Internal security and stability in the Middle East are a very vital matter for this country."

King Abdullah of Transjordan appealed to the British Government under the Anglo-Transjordan treaty for a British force to be sent to Akaba and also for arms that he might be in a position to defend himself if an attack was made on his forces.

"We agreed to send a force to Akaba but in view of the United Nations arms embargo we did not deliver arms to the Arab Legion."

—Reuters.

Death Of PRO
Chief Clerk

Mr Anthony Chong

Mr Anthony Paul Chong, accountant and chief clerk of the Government's Public Relations Office, died early this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital after a brief illness.

He was 32 years of age and leaves a widow and four children.

The late Mr Chong joined the Public Relations Office when it was established immediately after the liberation under the leadership of the late Archie Pollock. He served as clerk and office manager and was later appointed chief clerk and accountant.

He was born in Java and received his early education there, but his family then moved to Hongkong, where Mr Chong spent most of his life.

U.S. Withdraws
Army Advisers

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In the meantime, the Executive Yuan approved a number of President Li's requests for reforms to ease negotiations: 1. The resumption of postal and telegraphic communications with Communist territories.

2. Release of political prisoners, dissolution of special criminal courts and the lifting of the ban on outlawed newspapers and periodicals.

3. Suspension of secret service activities with the reorganization of the Communist Suppression Headquarters into a military headquarters.

A proposal to revoke martial law failed to obtain approval.—United Press.

NANKING GLOOMY
Nanking, Jan. 27.—Even the capital's most optimistic peace advocates were gloomy last night following the latest denunciations by the Communists of the Nationalist Government and its leaders.

The obtaining of peace was going to be a tough job, one of the most active Kuomintang peace-makers who asked that his name not be quoted, told Reuters.

Observers said there was little possibility that there would be any response to the Communist call to the Nationalist Government to imprison those on the extended Communist war criminal list.

From Shanghai, a localised peace for the Nanking and Shanghai areas, similar to that for Peiping, was advocated by Mr Chang Chieh-twa, an outstanding liberal legislator who came to Shanghai from Nanking on Tuesday.

Mr Chang said his visit was to gain active support for his suggestion from Shanghai commercial industrial leaders.

Should the war spread to the Shanghai and Nanking areas, Mr Chang believed the loss of life and property in the country's political and economic centre would drain China of most of her resources.—Reuters-APP.

Wot! No Hirsute
Adornments!

Singapore, Jan. 26.—The moustache, especially the RAF handlebar variety, is steadily disappearing from the Singapore scene.

For a time after the liberation, RAF moustaches became the fashion. Now they are rare. Even the brief upper-lip adornments are thinning.

The women of Singapore say they heartily approve of the new style.—Associated Press.

Radio Hongkong

Programme Summary: 6.01, Children's Story; "The River Bandit" by E. J. Trevelyan. (BBC); 6.30, "Night Encounter"; 6.35, "The World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 7.15, "The Masquerade" (BBC); 7.20, "Down Beat" (BBC); 7.30, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 8.10, "Vocal Recital" by Julia Lee (BBC); 8.15, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 8.30, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 8.45, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 9.00, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 9.15, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 9.30, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 9.45, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 10.00, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 10.15, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 10.30, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 10.45, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 11.00, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 11.15, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 11.30, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 11.45, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 12.00, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 12.15, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 12.30, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 12.45, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 1.00, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 1.15, "The Editor's" (London Relay); 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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Smother Play Will Improve Your Game

♠ 10 7 4 2	♥ K 5 3
♦ 9 8	♣ A K 10
♠ 7 3	♥ A Q 10
♦ A K 5	♣ 9 8 6
♠ 6 5 4	♥ 7 6 5
♦ 10 9	♣ 7 6 5
♠ 3 2	♥ 4 3 2
♦ 10 9	♣ 7 6 5
♠ 10 7	♥ 4 3 2
♦ 10 9	♣ 7 6 5

Tournament—E-W vul.
South West North East
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
2 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
4 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
Opening—♥ K

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THIS is the second of the five articles on the fascinating but difficult smother play. As I said yesterday, the smother play not only is rare, but it is one of the most difficult plays to recognize. However, it is a principle of the play. It will help to improve your game, as it teaches you how to strip a hand out, the theory of the end-play and other important features of good play.

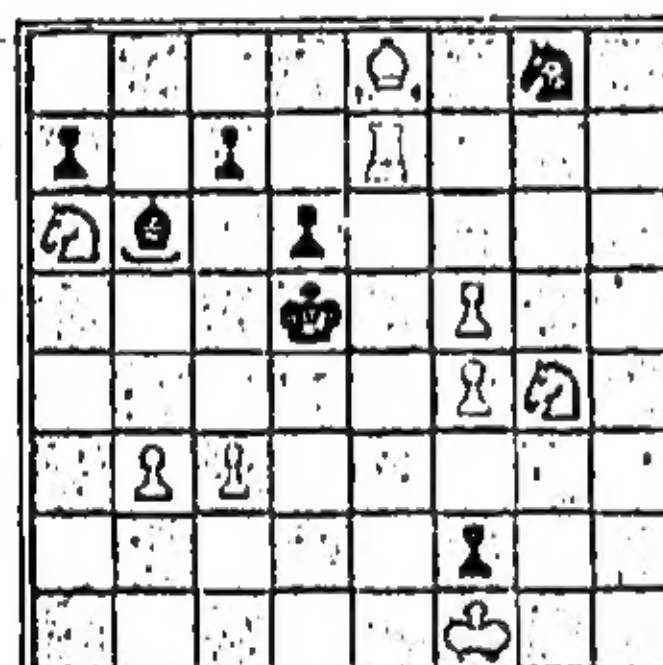
In today's hand East has four spades to the king, while dummy has only three. How are we going to keep East from making a spade trick? Here is the procedure.

The king and ace of hearts are cashed by East, and declarer trumps the third heart. The jack of spades is led, naturally East refuses to cover and it holds. Declarer then leads the four of spades and the queen. Now for the smother play. Declarer must cash the ace and king of diamonds in dummy, and ruff out the last heart. His next play is to win the two club tricks with his ace and king, then lead the five of clubs and West wins.

West has nothing left but the queen and jack of diamonds. I have underlined the cards remaining in all four hands. When the queen of diamonds is led, it is trumped by declarer with the nine of spades. If East trumps with the king, dummy's ace will win the trick. If East plays the eight of spades, declarer will throw off dummy's four of clubs and the nine of trumps wins the trick. Dummy's ace of trumps then wins the last trick.

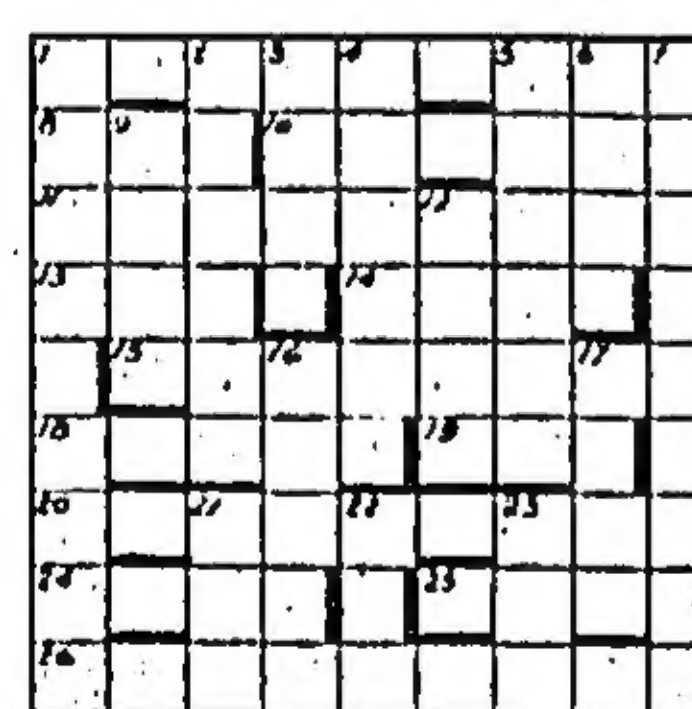
CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY
Black, 7 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-K5, any; 2. Q, or B mates.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. A cat, but some would say it was an ill-natured woman. (10)
 2. This was a composer. (13)
 3. Anything this should get around. (10)
 4. The archer loves this. (6, 3)
 5. Hair drier. (13)
 6. A part of Japan. (4)
 7. This place to fear wool. (8)
 8. Condensed. (10)
 9. Japanese gold coin. (12)
 10. Hindrance. (10)
 11. It could be a placement. (4)
 12. Witnessed. (4)
 13. Throw lens in this direction. (10-4)

Down

1. A coin used for the keeper. (10)
2. A sailor and a Scot you may often meet on the road. (10)
3. Am thus returning for book. (4)
4. Surely that the animal to hide? (6)
5. How bitter it is. (4)
6. Free towns are found in it and some very old towns as well. (13, 9)
7. Pack away. (4)
8. Timed with blood. (4)
9. Something you may like to stand. (10)
10. Obviously this is not repeated. (13)
11. This son is someone. (13)
12. Here the reverse carried. (13)
13. Born. (13)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across:
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DUMB BELLS

WHEN YOU SERVE ANY GUESTS TONIGHT DON'T WEAR ANY JEWELRY!



Check Your Knowledge

1. What is Irving Berlin's native country?
2. How many times was Benjamin Disraeli Prime Minister of England?
3. What was George Washington's middle name?
4. From what ore is aluminium manufactured?
5. What city is called the "City of Bells"?
6. Name the first bird mentioned in the Bible?

(Answers in Column 4)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

General Tin Went Hunting

—He Was After a Mysterious Monster—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, found their friend General Tin, the Tin Soldier, sitting by the playground door with his trusty musket over his shoulder. "We haven't seen you in the last couple of days," Hanid said. "Where were you?"

"I was out hunting," the General replied.

Now General Tin was the best hunter that Knarf and Hanid knew. So they asked him to tell them about his latest hunting adventure. "Well," he said presently, "this was a terrible monster I hunted this last time. It ran screaming and moaning through the night and I made up my mind to catch it."

Knarf asked what the name of this monster might be.

Shot Out Sparks

"That's just it," said General Tin. "I don't know what its name is. It shot out sparks and smoke as it raced along. It was more like a dragon than anything else. Yes, sir, I guess that's what it was—a dragon!"

"I had been hearing of for several nights," he went on, "that somewhere behind the hills, I could see the sparks and smoke shooting up to the sky, and I could hear it snorting and screaming. I had never hunted a dragon before but I decided at once that it couldn't be any fiercer than a cage full of lions. And a cage full of lions doesn't frighten me a bit."

"So I shook my musket to make sure it was loaded, and off I went behind the hills. In a little while I came to a place where I knew it had been."

"How did you know?" Knarf asked.

Rupert and Margot—52



When Reggie had got over his surprise he, too, helped Margot down the steep slope to where Rex was still waiting in their boat. The twins are delighted to see the little girl, and listen eagerly to Rupert's account of all that has happened. "Good gracious, what an escape you've had!" cries Rex. "We'd better hurry away before the giant catches us. But Rupert laughs. "Why hurry?" he chuckles. "The giant doesn't know we've been right inside his castle. He hasn't had a glimpse of any of us."

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RED RYDER

High and Dry

BY FRED HARMAN

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UNUSUAL ANGLES:

MADCAP COIFFURIST'S HAIR-DOS FOR MEN

By JOHN ROSENBERG

MARK, New York's madcap coiffurist, has originated hair styles for men which he says will be a boon to those who have bald spots, long noses, protruding ears and misshapen heads.

The hair styles, he said, eliminate the need of wearing a hat and also make it possible for a man to care for his hair at home.

"These styles are not as elaborate as those worn by some men," Mark said. "They are designed to accentuate the shape of the face and to reduce the prominence of cranial imperfections."

He said the hair styles fall into three general classifications: (1) The Personality Hair-do; (2) The Artistic Hair-do; and (3) The Hair-do to Make Your Face Distinctive.

"These styles, naturally, must fit each individual face," Mark explained. "The same type of hair style cannot be adopted by every man."

The Personality Hair-do, he said, should be worn by the "athletic type" of male. It has that casual wind-blown effect and features hair that is short on the sides and long on top.

"The Artistic Hair-do," Mark continued, "is swirled elaborately about the head, set in waves and hangs over one eye. Sometimes, depending on the length of the face, it is shaped to hang long at the back of the head and curled up at the ends."

For the Hair-do to Make Your Face Distinctive, Mark recommended a trend to the hair styles of Revolutionary days "with some modern touches, of course."

He advocated wider use of the Widow's Peak (bringing the hairline to a sharp point at the center of the forehead) and longer sideburns with the ends curled forward toward the corners of the eyes.

"Men with long noses," Mark said, "should wear short bangs, while men with bald spots at the top of the head should let their hair grow out at the sides and in back, then bring it over the bald spot with an upswEEP."

Mark said that men with protrusions at the back of the skull could easily let their hair grow to shoulder length, at the back and sides to cover the defect. Ditto for those with large ears.

"I charge \$25 for the entire job," he said. "This includes a style consultation, during which I sketch the hair-do, and three visits to trim and shape the hair."

He said that once the hair styles were shaped the wearer could trim the ends and set it himself when necessary.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Russia. 2. Twice. 3. He had no middle name. 4. Bauxite. 5. Strasbourg, France. 6. The raven. (Gen. VIII:7).

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

BORN today, you are a true individualist and never will try to do things as they always have been done. While abiding by any convention you consider good and wise, you will want to make progress in the world by making innovations. You are very ambitious and let nothing stand in the way of getting what you want out of life.

Fortunately, what you want, usually is something good and consequently there will be a lot of people who will help you along the road to success. If you were a less independent person, this might make you too easy-going. But you are quick to grasp opportunities offered by others and often will make more of them than was expected.

You must, however, avoid a certain amount of self-vanity. Self-confidence is the fibre of success but if you become boastful of your early successes you may find new ones more difficult to achieve.

You have a popular personality and unconsciously draw people into your own orbit. Being a natural leader, you will need to make sure that you are always leading in the right and proper direction!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Avoid excesses and use moderation in forcing any issues. Determine efforts on your part make for success.

Mr Churchill's Commons Speech On Palestine Problem

"ASTOUNDING MISHANDLING" BY MR BEVIN

Policy Of Folly Stupidity And Fatuity

London, Jan. 26. — Mr Winston Churchill attacked the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, for his "astounding mishandling" of the Palestine problem.

Speaking after Mr Bevin in the debate on Palestine and the Middle East in the House of Commons today, Mr Churchill said that in the spirit of the general policy which Mr Bevin had pursued, the Opposition had supported him and they did not withdraw that support at the present time.

"It is on this basis and with this background that we are forced to consider his astounding mishandling of the Palestine problem," Mr Churchill declared.

"We feel that this has been so gross and glaring that we should fall in our duty if we did not expose it in the plainest terms, and we shall not only do that in debate but we shall support our criticism in the lobby" (vote against the Government).

"No one ever made such sweeping declarations of confidence in himself on this point than Mr Bevin and no one has been proved by events to be more consistently wrong at every moment than he has."

"Every opportunity for obtaining a satisfactory settlement was thrown away immediately after the war."

"The Government have always been one or two and sometimes three steps behind the march of events in this matter. There never has been, in my belief, the slightest appreciation of the Palestine problem by the Foreign Secretary."

"I am quite sure he will have to recognise the Jewish Government and that cannot be long delayed."

"I do not feel any great confidence that the Foreign Secretary has not got a prejudice against the Jews in Palestine. We have so managed our affairs as to find ourselves ranged on the opposite side to the United States and Soviet Russia, to the Palestine settlers and their Zionist supporters all over the world, without doing the slightest service to the Arabs."

"We seem to have deprived ourselves of all the fruits of the past. We ought not to grudge a fair share of the deserts of the Negev to the Jews."

BEVIN'S RASH BET

"There is in the Negev, at least, an opportunity and, indeed, a hope of affording a refuge to the survivors of the Jewish communities who have been massacred in so many parts of Europe."

Referring to Mr Bevin's statement some time ago that he would state his political reputation of settling the Palestine problem, Mr Churchill said: "No more rash bet has ever been recorded in the annals of the British turf."

Mr Bevin: "Was it a greater bet than you undertook when you went after Denikin and Koltchak?" Mr Churchill: "I certainly did not stake my political reputation upon the success those generals would have, but I think the day will come when it will be recognised, not only on one side of the House, but throughout the civilised world, that the strangling of Bolshevism at its birth would have been an untold blessing to the human race."

Mr Churchill said that the Government had rejected the Anglo-American recommendations.

Mr Bevin: "We accepted the 10 points. Mr Truman accepted one—the 100,000 (immigrants into Palestine)."

Mr Churchill added that no agreement was reached upon this issue. The Government, he said, had also refused to allow the United Nations Commission to enter the territory of Palestine until a fortnight before the termination of the mandate.

"This is due not only to the mental inertia and lack of grit on the part of the Ministers concerned, but also I am afraid on a very strong direct streak of bias and prejudice on the part of the Foreign Secretary."

"The course he took led directly and inevitably to a trial of strength and the result was the opposite, I believe, to what he expected. I will not say more than that."

FORMIDABLE SPECTACLE

Mr Churchill said he certainly felt that the spectacle of Jewish settlements being invaded from all sides, from Syria, Transjordan and Egypt, with a lot of British tanks and modern tackle, was on the face of it formidable.

He believed such a combination would fall to pieces at the first attack and he adhered to the estimate he had formed in the war as to the fighting qualities and tough fibre of the Zionist community and the support it would obtain from Zionists all over the world.

"Our influence is therefore at a minimum as a result of our improvident diplomacy. I hope later on a truer appreciation of the Zionist debt to this country will revive."

"But for the present we seem to have deprived ourselves of all the fruits of peace. Moreover, the Foreign Secretary and his policy has been the worst policy for the Arabs. I am sure we could have agreed immediately after the war to a partition scheme which would have been more favourable to the Arabs."

The Prime Minister (Mr Clement Attlee): "If you thought you could have done that why didn't you do it after the war. You were in power."

MISCALCULATIONS

Mr Churchill: "Because the nation and the world had the inestimable blessing of your guidance." He added: "We are evidently in the presence of prolonged, repeated and serious miscalculations on the part of the Foreign Secretary and his advisers and colleagues."

Both Jews and Arabs must have access to the Red Sea through the Gulf of Akaba, he said. This had figured in most of the partition schemes and it should be possible to reconcile competing claims for justice.

He did not intend to try to judge whether the Government were right in the prevailing circumstances and in the aftermath of the evacuation of Palestine to send armed British forces to Akaba.

Mr Churchill said he agreed that Britain could not disinter itself in the fate of Transjordan in view of her obligations and her treaty.

"I should not like to see us repeat in Transjordan the behaviour we have adopted in respect of our treaty obligations with the Indian princes and particularly with the Nizam of Hyderabad."

The act of sending forces to Akaba was an aspect of decision unusual in recent British policy in Palestine, he said.

"I hope that having gone there we shall stay there and keep an ample margin of forces there until the whole question has been finally decided by the United Nations and until their award has been accepted and obeyed by both Jews and Arabs."

POLICY OF FOLLY

"But we feel bound to make our protests and to dissociate ourselves from a policy of folly, stupidity and fatuity the like of which it is not easy to find in modern experience and for which the Foreign Secretary and the present Cabinet are responsible."

Mr Churchill then complained that RAF pilots were sent out on reconnaissance flights in conditions which exposed them to the greatest danger.

A cease fire was to take place that afternoon yet in the morning the Government—the Prime Minister properly took full responsibility—sent a reconnaissance into the battle or fighting area of RAF planes which had been flying earlier in conjunction with Egyptian planes which were hostile to the Jewish forces.

"We had to endure the affront and injury in which two young airmen lost their lives and when we turned to seek redress from the United Nations or the Commissions on the spot or other nations for sympathy we were asked why we should go over this area at the very moment of the cease fire."

"Why were not the special United Nations Commission aeroplanes painted white and known to both sides as neutral?" Mr Churchill asked.

It was said that the Americans had encouraged Britain to find out what was going on. Even if that was true, the reconnaissance was unnecessarily risky.

NOT IMPECCABLE

If he criticised the British Government, it was by no means to declare that the attitude of the United States had been impeccable in this matter, Mr Churchill said.

"Considering the sentiment and interest they have in Palestine, they should have come to our aid two or three years ago."

If the British policy had been well and wisely counselled and conducted, he believed Britain could have had American assistance as an alternative to the evacuation.

After referring to the question of the Arab refugees which certainly involved much human suffering, Mr Churchill said the one great remedial measure was peace and a lasting settlement.

Once fighting had stopped and some kind of partition was arranged, he did not think there would be any difficulty in the great bulk of the refugees returning to do the work

essential to the growing prosperity and development of the Jewish settlements in Palestine.

Mr Churchill said in conclusion: "We (the Opposition) must take this opportunity, beyond doubt or question, to sever ourselves from this latest case of mismanagement of the Palestine question."

"We must make our protest against the course of action, prolonged over nearly four years, which has deprived Britain of the credit she has earned and the rights and interests she has acquired and has made her at once the mockery and scapegoat of very many States who have never made any positive contribution of their own."—Reuter.

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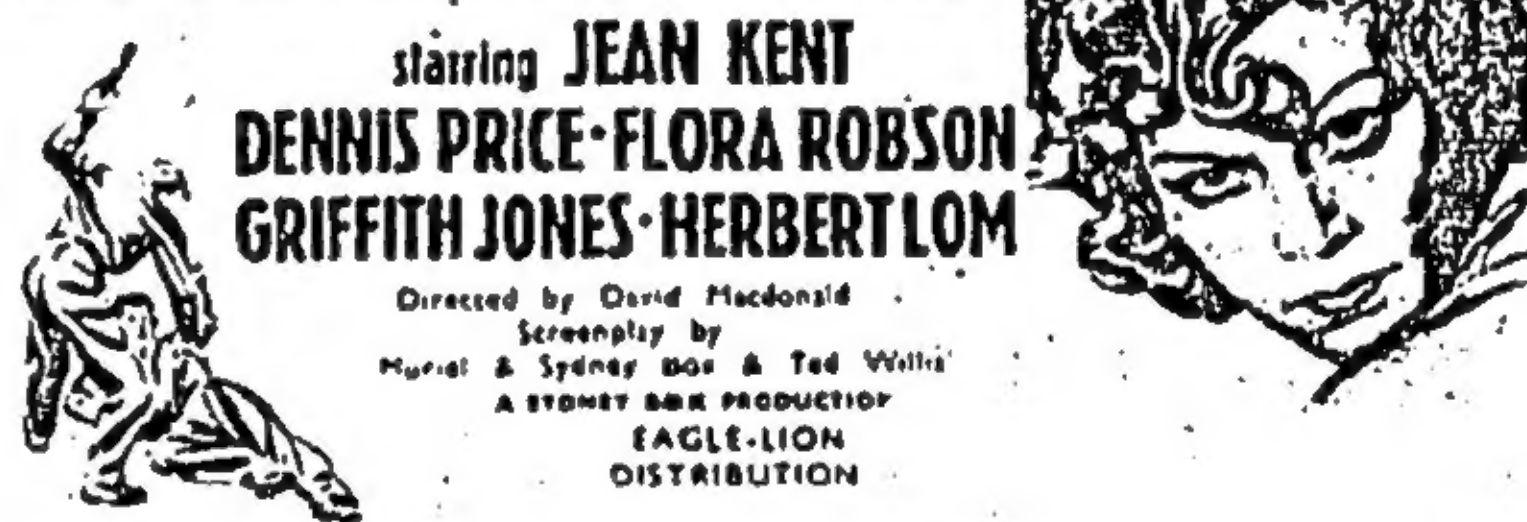


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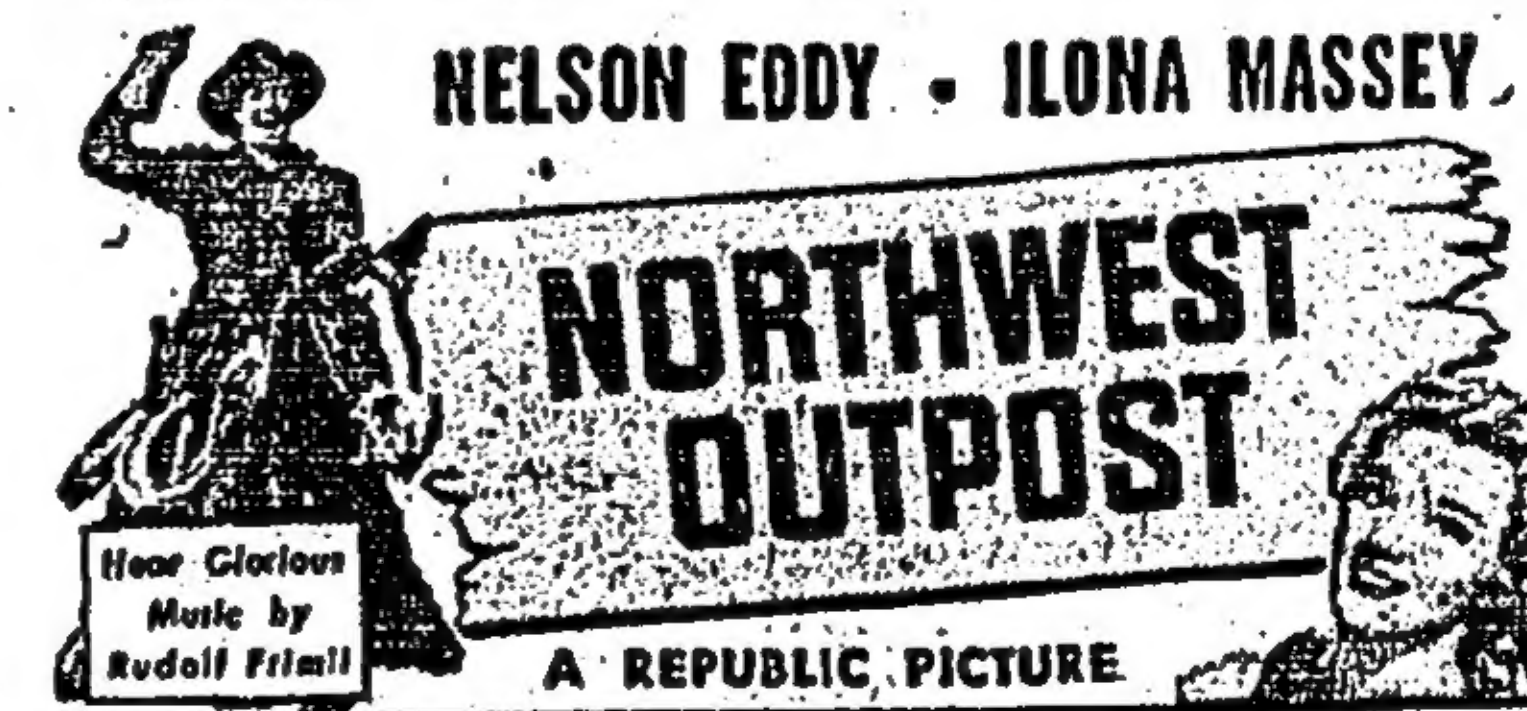


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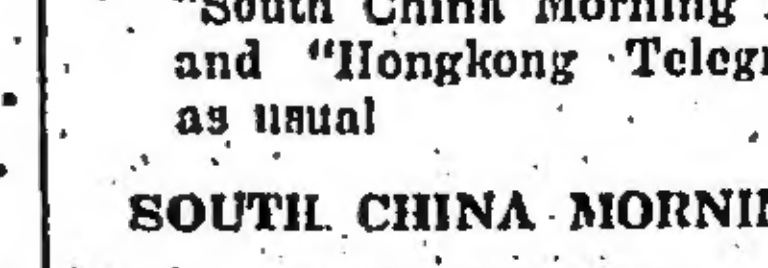
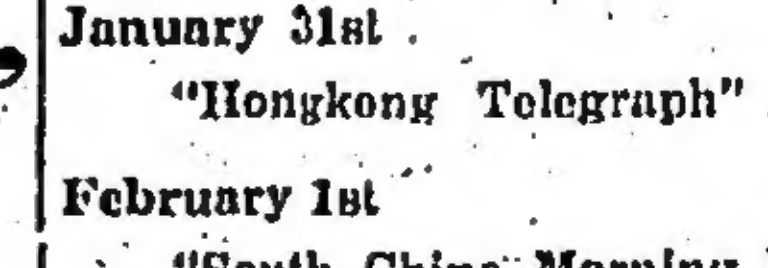
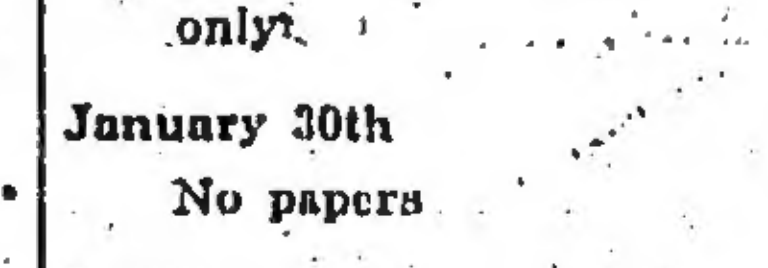
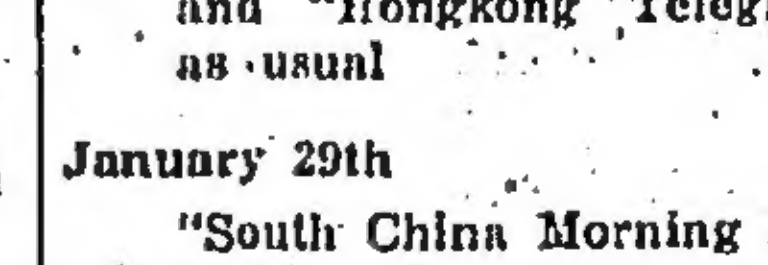
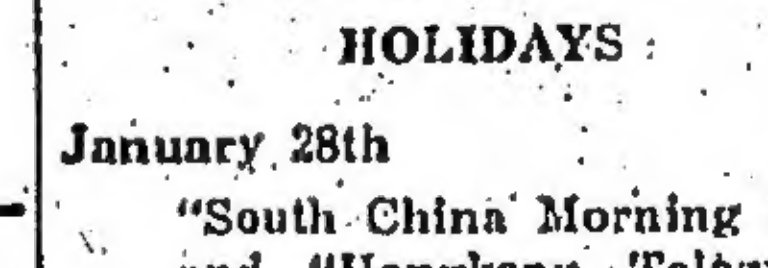
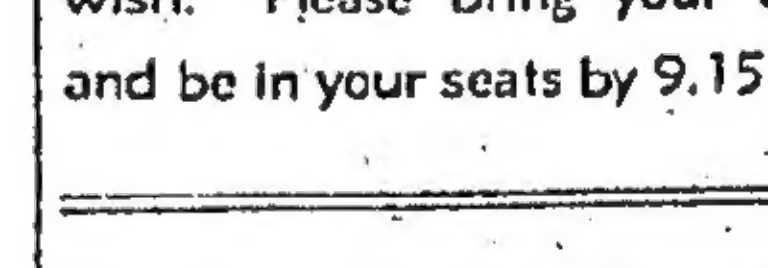
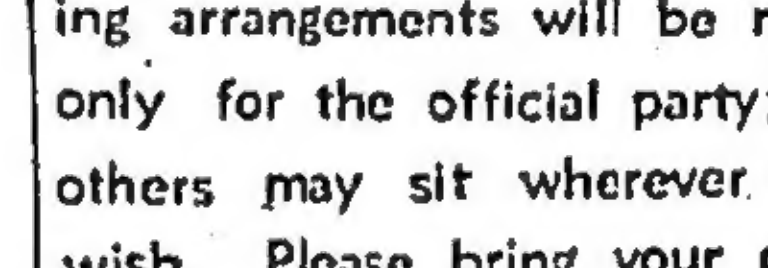
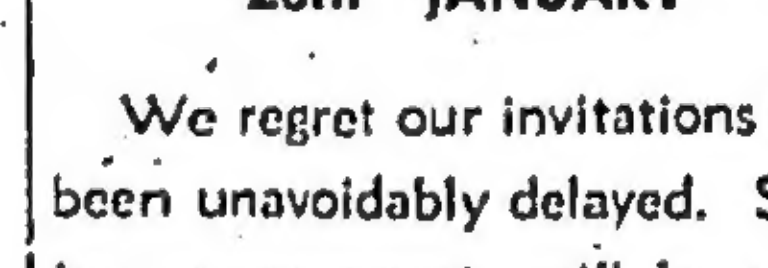
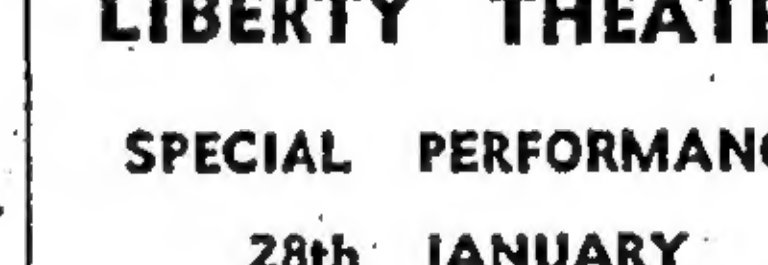
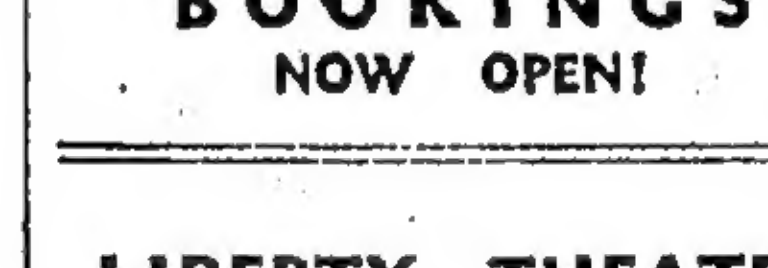
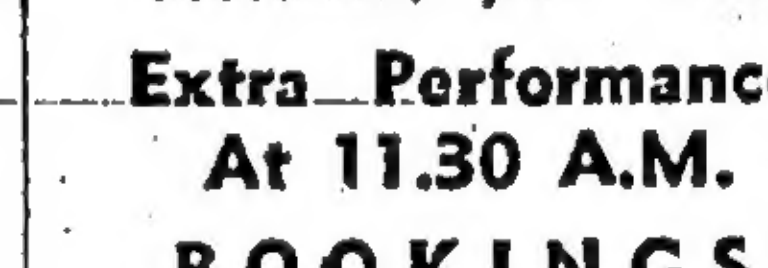
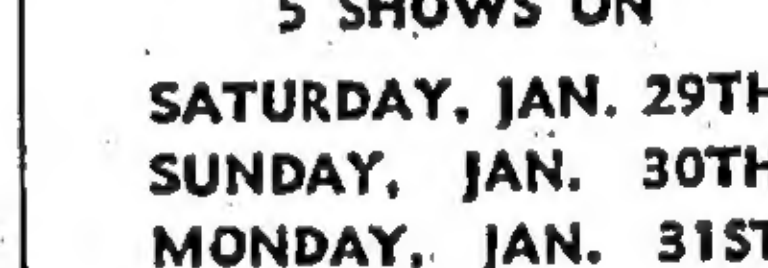
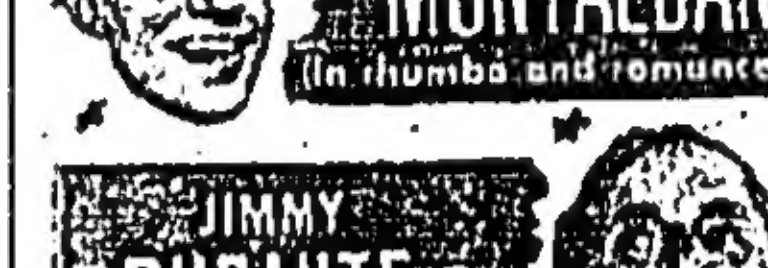


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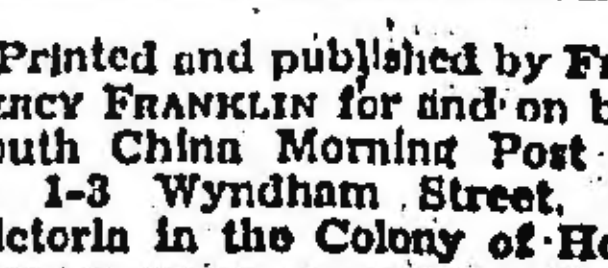
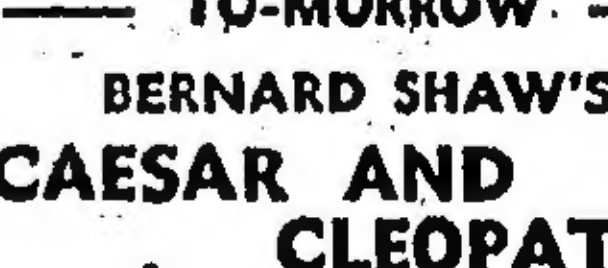
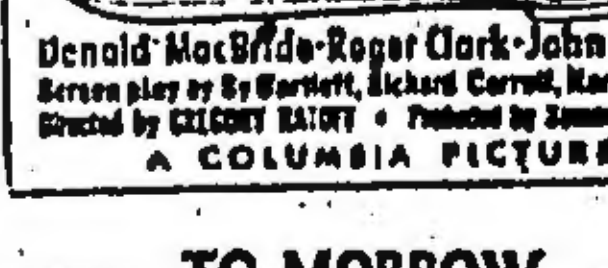
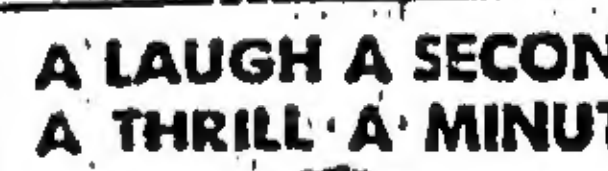


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Some New Faces In British Films

By H. H. WOLLENBERG

TO avoid casting the same actors in the same types of roles, it is essential to have as wide a choice of talent as possible, so that film characters may be given the best possible interpretation by actors best fitted to take that part, instead of being merely cast because they have played similar parts quite well in the past.

A character in a film is not a celluloid puppet, but an individual and must be presented to the public as such.

Casting, therefore, is a very important point for the success of a film and it is a point that has been fully realized by Britain's film makers.

With large reserves of stars and featured players of the screen at their disposal, as well as talent from the theatres, large or small, throughout the country, Britain's film producers have a fairly wide selection from which to find the ideal actor to fit a certain part.

Some actors like James Mason, Michael Redgrave, Rex Harrison, Robert Donat and John Mills, have already achieved world fame. Many of them divide their services between Hollywood and London.

Others are climbing the ladder to stardom. Their names may not yet be familiar to audiences, in, say, Latin America or India, but if their

growing popularity with United Kingdom filmgoers is anything to go by, it will not be long before they will be acclaimed wherever their films are shown.

Two such young actors have risen to fame in an extraordinarily short period. Hardly more than a year ago the name of Kieron Moore was unknown. Kieron, a 23-year-old tall, dark Irishman, first acted at the famous Dublin Abbey Theatre, and then came to England to act in one or two Irish plays.

Seen By Scout

SEEN by a Korda scout, he was signed up almost immediately for the leading male role of the Italian major-domo in "A Man About the House", the screen adaptation of Francis Brett Young's novel. His playing of the sinister Salvatore was so good that he was given another leading role—that of a young war veteran, whose experiences have left his mind unbalanced—in "Mine Own Executioner".

Totally different again was the part he played in the Korda production of Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina", in which he was Anna's lover, Vronsky.

With these three parts Kieron Moore has worked his way to the top and is fast becoming one of Britain's most popular young stars. His next film for Korda will be "I Bought a Mountain".

John McCallum, an Australian, was on his way to Hollywood, when he stopped in Britain to gain some experience in repertory and the Shakespearean stage. His first screen role was in Gainsborough's "The Root of All Evil", but he jumped to fame in Ealing's "The Loves of Joanna Godden", in which he played a farmer. His next part was that of an escaped convict in "It Always Rains on Sunday", and in "Miranda" he appeared as a painter.

Britain's Royal Air Force was responsible for Richard Attenborough's rise to screen stardom. His studies in London at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art were interrupted when he was called up, but when young men were wanted to play in the R.A.F. film "Journey Together", Richard Attenborough was chosen to play the part of the young pilot.

Film producers set up and took notice of the sincere, good-looking young actor and it was not long before he was able to resume his chosen career. Picture followed picture in quick succession, and Richard became a star in such films as "The Man Within", "School for Secrets" and "Brighton Rock". "The Guinea Pig", in which he plays the part of a poor boy sent to an expensive public school as an experiment—is his latest film.

"Modest Michael"

"MODEST MICHAEL" is the way Michael Wilding is described. Three years ago his name did not even figure in the popularity polls; today it is second only to John Mills.

It was as Anna Neagle's partner in "Piccadilly Incident", "The Courtneys of Curzon Street" and "Spring in Park Lane" that he established himself as one of the most charming of leading men on the British screen, but it was in the screen version of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" that he proved himself an actor of the first order. And to crown it all, he has just been cast as leading man to Ingrid Bergman in "Under Capricorn", the film she is making in Britain with Hitchcock.

Making a name for himself in light comedy is David Tomlinson. Playing small parts in films be-

fore the war, his career was interrupted when he joined the R.A.F. His first postwar films were "I See a Dark Stranger", "School for Secrets", "Master of Bankdam" and "Fame in the Street", but it was "Easy Money" that brought his talent for comedy to the fore.

Since then he has played in "Miranda" and will soon be seen as that famous phenomenon, the "typical Englishman abroad", who is not to be put out by language difficulties or foreign customs, in "Sleeping Car to Venice".

Among the many young actors working in British studios today the names of Robert Beatty ("Counterblast"), Derek Farr ("Bond Street"), David Farrar ("Black Narcissus"), Dennis Price ("Snowbound"), Dermot Walsh ("My Sister and I"), Maxwell Reed ("Daybreak"), Jimmy Hanley ("It Always Rains on Sunday"), Ronald Howard ("Bond Street"), and many others are fast becoming as familiar as those of older, more established stars, so that British film producers have an ever growing selection of talent for casting their films.

Margaret Tak's The High Road



MARGARET LEIGHTON

MARGARET LEIGHTON has been rewarded with a long-term Korda contract for her part in Bonnie Prince Charlie. Last year she was earning a modest salary with the Old Vic. She thought she lacked the looks for films. Now she has been signed as a top-line star for years to come.

The contract will bring her a fortune, compared with the money she could have earned in the theatre. But an "escape" clause in her film contract will enable her to reappear in stage plays at intervals. Her first escape period, she hopes, will take her back to the Old Vic company.

That may be after her present picture, "The Elusive Pimpernel" (again with David Niven), is finished.

MILLS FOR STAGE

John Mills is returning to the West End theatre after nearly four years in a new play by his wife, Mary Hayley Bell.

It sets out, he tells me, to stage a theme never attempted before; and he is not yet sure it can be done, dramatically or technically. What that theme is will remain a family secret until the first night. Mills is due to produce as well as star. Mills will be seen as an adventurer, forced to keep on the move. When the audience catches up with him he is in Italy.

By the time his own producing-starring picture, Wells's "History of Mr. Polly", is shown in February the new play will have been staged. If the "impossible" problems are solved.

ROPE TRICK

Alfred Hitchcock, now making film production history with his "ten-minute-takes" wants to reform film trailers, which have been alternately amusing and irritating us for 20 years.

He has begun his shake-up with "Rope", the first of the ten-minute-takers (made in Hollywood).

New-look trailer for this consists of one unbroken scene which does not appear in the picture at all. It shows a young man and a girl chatting in New York's Central Park. By the time audiences see the full production the young man will be a murder victim.

The idea has fascinating possibilities. How encouraging it would be, after a trailer glimpse of Mr. X's latest production, with Miss Y repeating her two facial expressions, to be assured: "Don't worry, the scenes you have just watched are not in the film itself—and Miss Y will have disappeared before the story begins."

9,000 Doctors Go Into The Film Business

JAMES STUART

IN a mews off London's Bond Street I recently found a film "studio" whose productions go as far round the world as those of Hollywood or Elstree.

But, instead of stars, pages of technical medical journals go before the cameras operated by girls. Producers are the Royal Society of Medicine.

Founded (originally in a London public-house) to further the cause of medicine, the society is supported almost wholly by the subscriptions of its 9,000 doctor members. It is upholding its aims by distributing the latest medical knowledge all over the world on micro-film.

This activity was made possible by a grant of dollars from the Rockefeller Foundation of New York.

REPLACING BOOKS

Everywhere there is an acute shortage of medical publications. In scores of cities of Europe and the Far East libraries in universities and hospitals were destroyed during the war.

Even when new books are published the paper shortage limits their circulation.

The idea of filming medical journals began during the war when micro-films were shipped and later flown to Cairo.

On the 35 millimetre film each page comes out as an oblong 24 millimetres by 18. One thousand four hundred pages can be recorded on 100 feet of film. The "print" is too small to see with the naked eye, except for the title pages, but when the film is passed through a reading "box" it is enlarged to about the same size as a magazine page. The film journals are packed in tins for despatch to foreign universities and medical institutes.

"We are turning out about 17,000ft. a week," an official told me.

A D V I C E

To Jean—On Hearing That Lamour Is On Her Way

DOROTHY LAMOUR, the girl whose sarong made her famous, is on her way to Britain to appear in variety.

About that sarong, Dorothy claims she is fed up with it. "I never looked much in it, anyway," she says.

Now I don't believe that. Although she steps out of a sarong for her latest film, "Slightly French," and wears a bathing suit instead, that sarong has kept her in the tip-money class for over ten years.

I prophesy the old sarong will be part of her wardrobe in London—and Dorothy knows it.

In her variety sketch she will satirise her own string of tropical pictures. Title: "I'm Queen of the Hollywood Isle."

Miss Lamour may find certain competition in the sarong stakes in Britain in the next few months.

Rank is planning to move it, with Britain's first outdoor film picture in colour, "Blue Lagoon." I am glad British film-

by DAVID LEWIS



The South Seas Simmons

makers are attempting to match some of the Hollywood glamour.

But the thought of seeing Jean Simmons, star of "Blue Lagoon," in a Lamour-type sarong does not precisely make me want to jump through hoops.

Jean can act Dorothy off the screen—but no one ever mentions her legs. I am wondering just what the cameramen have done about them for her outdoor picture...

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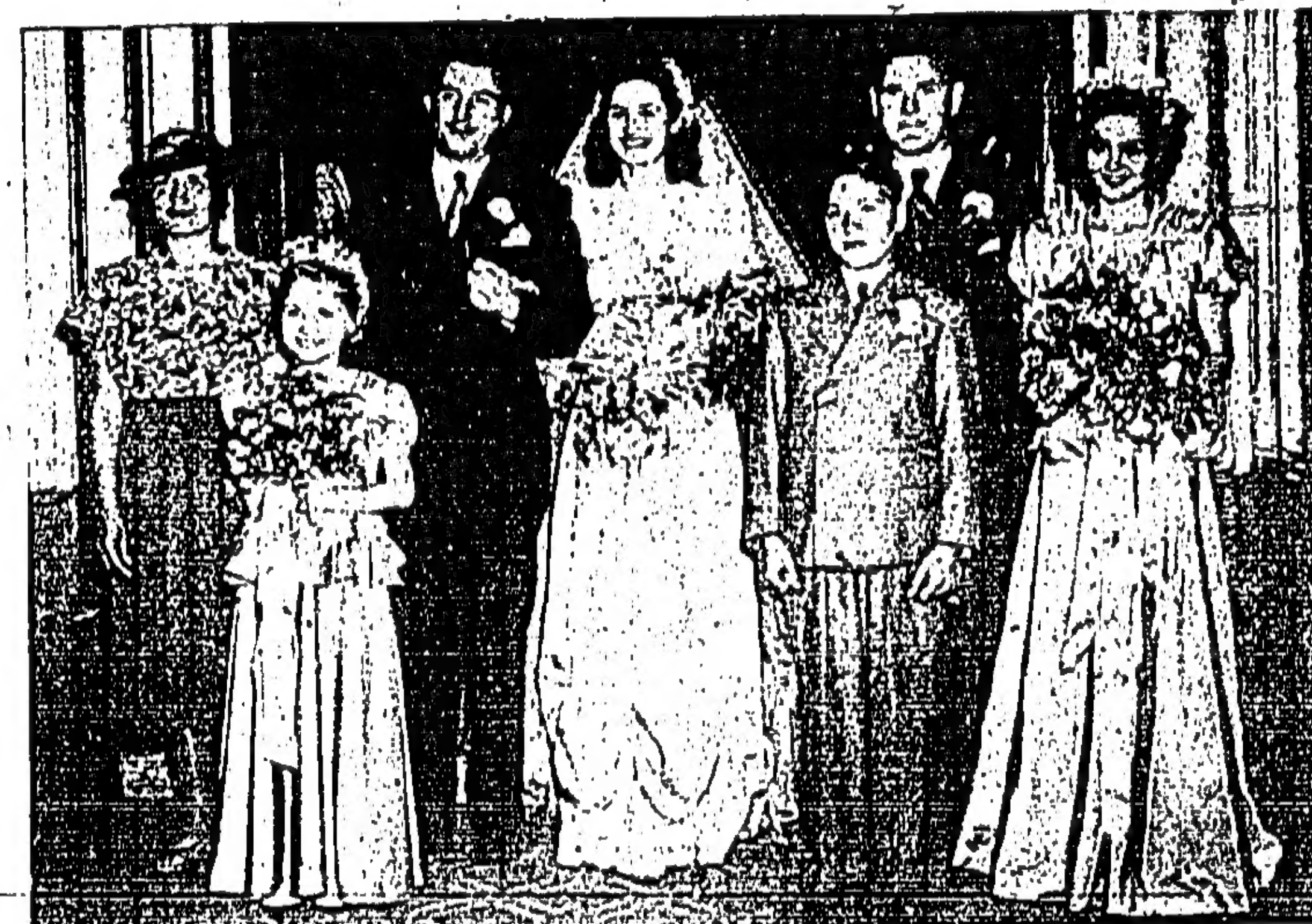
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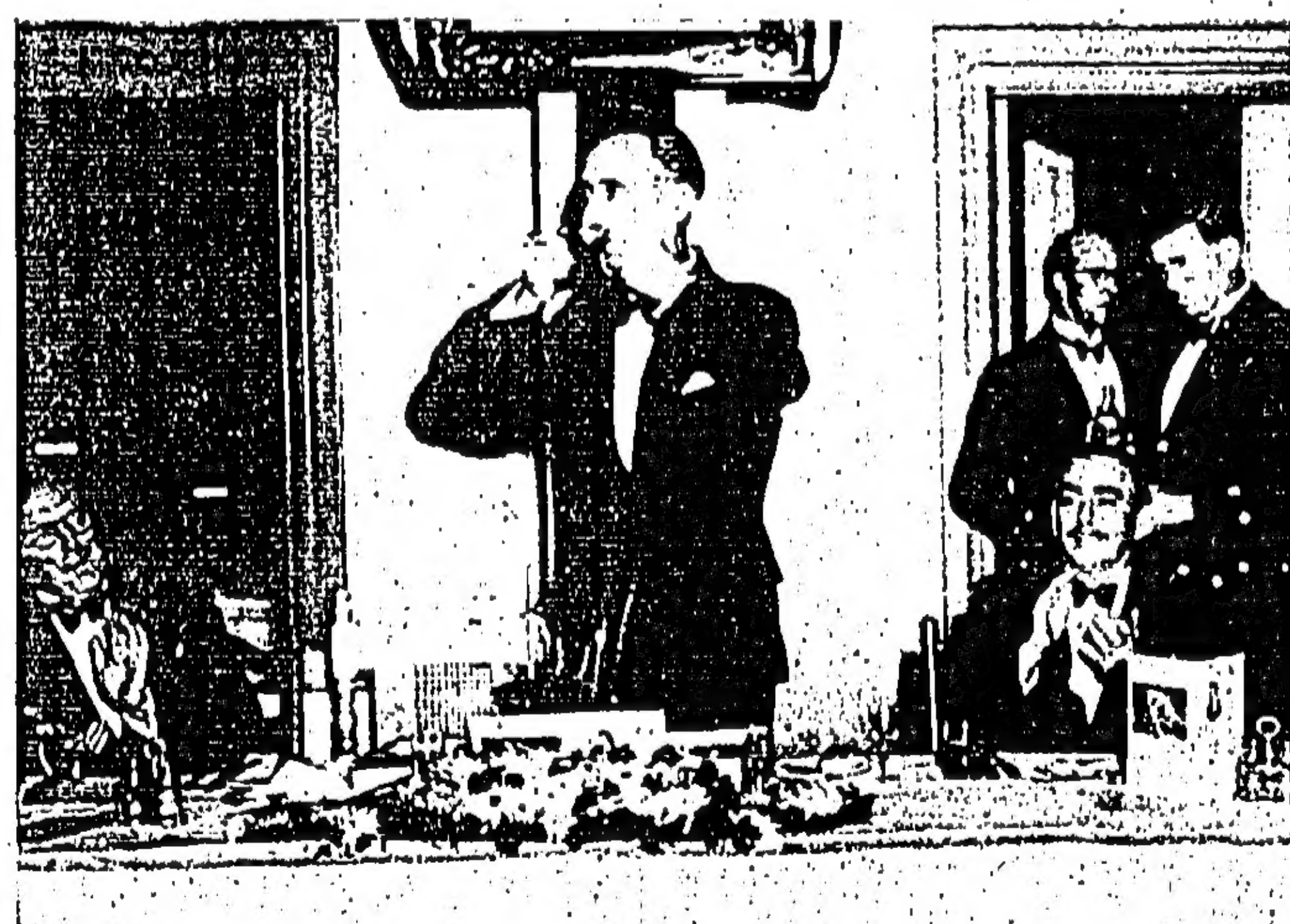


MR E. G. A. Grimwood (left), Hongkong Government representative in the United Kingdom, was entertained to dinner at the Kam Ling Restaurant on Monday evening by the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union. Above: Mr Grimwood drinks a toast with Mr Shum Choy-wah, chairman of the Union. Included in the table above are Mr E. Hims-worth, Mr U. Tat-choo and Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite.

THE Taikeo Club held its annual ball last week at the Peninsula Hotel. Here are four pictures taken on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



SCOTSMEN of Hongkong celebrated Burns Night in traditional manner at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday. The toast to "The Immortal Memory" was proposed by the President of St Andrew's Society, Dr J. W. Anderson, who is seen (right) taking the Barley Bree after the piping in of the Haggis. Above and below are two scenes taken during the evening. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

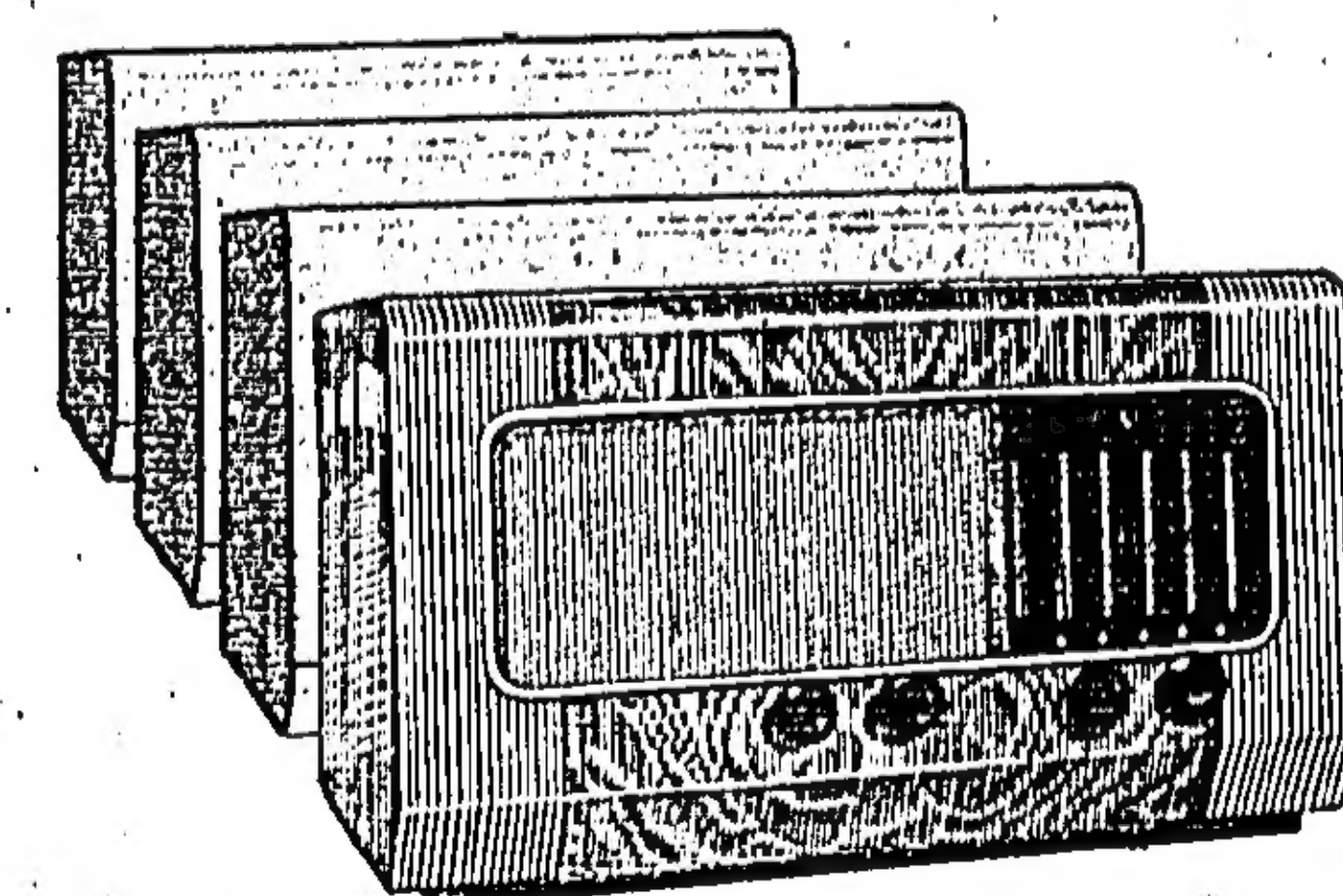


MR H. T. Liu and Miss S. On, who were married at the Catholic Cathedral on Tuesday. The Rt Rev. Henry Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, officiated. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

PICTURE taken at St Joseph's Church last Saturday after the wedding of Mr Fritz Meyer, managing director of Messrs W. R. Loxley and Co., Ltd., and Miss Sheila Joan Irwin. (Ming Yuen)



MR Gilbert Holdsworth photographed with his bride, the former Miss Nancy Kerrison, after their wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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Woman of the Year

by
PATRICIA LENNARD

BRITISH women were slow to approve the New Look, did not like the Tube Look, dismissed the Empire Line as an unflattering plot against the female form divine.

Most women now seem to prefer the standard modified characteristics of the very first New Look clothes that came out this time two years ago.

They like a moderately longer skirt because it flatters the legs. They like a moderately full skirt because it flatters the hips and swishes excitingly.

They like a moderately natural shoulderline because it makes them feel feminine and not masculine.

They like a tiny waist because most women have not got a tiny waist, and so they like it.

With this silhouette as a blueprint, they do not mind how many frills, drapes, twists and tricks are added; they just want their natural curves and indentations left in the right places.

With London spring shows at the end of this month and Paris shows the week after, what do the experts say? London's leading designers, the Big Ten, tell you what they think women will wear in 1949.

HARRY AINES: "There's going to be a return to the classic—to tailored suits, more shoulder padding, a foresew tweed for suits and dresses, straighter lines with side pleats and side drapery to avoid skimpiness, full skirts with tricks so that they don't look untidy, and always a small waist."

CHARLES CREED: "Same silhouette as 1948—square shoulders, skirts 12in. from the ground, rather full skirts with straight line at the sides. No loud fabric designs, but monotonous, especially blues, greys and browns."

NORMAN HARTNELL: "I seem to see a woman walking away from me with her skirts fluttering at the back; all interest pushed to the back, below-the-waist skirts, natural shoulders, not many changes."

MATTEI: "Very much straighter silhouette, certainly no Empire line; lots of drapery and asymmetrical drapery; fewer strapless evening dresses, more shoulder straps; printed cottons for evening dress, but no flower prints by day—only precision prints, tiny checks. No shoulder padding, no more ruffles, but a natural waistline, skirts about 12in. from the ground."

DIGBY MORTON: "Certainly far more tailored silhouettes, very slight shoulder padding, classic line, skirts about 12in. from the ground. And although we shall be making slim skirts, I think ready-made skirts will be full, as they will fit women more easily."

BIANCA MOSCA: "Shorter skirts will come in, also full skirts, but not tremendously so. No padding in the shoulders, no Empire line. Small checks and polka dots in wool and silk for dresses and suits. Bright orange and tangerine reds."

PETER RUSSELL: "Much back movement in skirts, with straight silhouette from the front. Skirts will be 14in. to 15in. from the ground, jackets longer. Shoulders will be compromise between natural and padded line; definitely not sloppy looking. New colours will include grey, dark yellowy-greens, a reddish mauve."

VICTOR STIEBEL: "Fullish skirts, full hips, fullness at sides or back or front, no shoulder padding, reglan sleeves. Skirts about 13in. from the ground. Emphasis on all dark vivid blues—petrol blue, greasy blues."

MOLYNEUX: "Skirts will be an inch or two shorter this year, just below mid-calf. No shoulder padding—if anything, a more pronounced slope. No Empire line. Evening dresses will be shorter. And this year's fabrics will develop the 'changing taffeta' trend: There will be changing-colour chiffons, organdies, satins."

WORTH: "No change: British women like natural make-up and clothes, unlike Paris; no tiny waists or padded hips. Natural shoulder will continue with squarer shoulder for country clothes. Draped or full skirts will be long, tight skirts shorter."

LONDON'S BIG TEN TELL WHAT WOMEN WILL WEAR IN 1949 . . .

* Two sketches, 12 fashion points show how women's appearance will change before the year's end . . .

THE DRESS

- 1—Natural, unpadded shoulders.
- 2—Reglan sleeves.
- 3—Tiny waist.
- 4—Below-calf skirt length (12in. from ground).
- 5—Material: tiny precision print checked in silk.
- 6—Full skirt with narrow look.
- 7—Side skirt fullness: asymmetrical panel of pleats.

THE SUIT

1. Squarer shoulders, padded.
2. Material: striped blue and grey tweed.
3. Longer jacket, long revers, tailored line.
4. Wool jersey sweater, pearl choker linked to lapel.
5. Shorter skirt, straight, narrow, mid-calf length (13in. from ground).

SKETCHES
BY
SIGRID

Wool With Glamour Of Silk

By **SUSAN DEACON**

ARE you afraid to be warm? If that question startles you, spare thought for the woman who is.

To be fashionable, chic, to retain a lithesome profile, she shivers

Keep Your Hats Looking New

By **ELEANOR ROSS**

BEAUTIFUL hats are coming up for the new season—hats that are well worth the bit of trouble it will take to keep them looking as nice, as fresh, as crisp, as when they were first lifted from their tissue paper wrappings. Notice when you get the hat home how it was nestled in tissue paper and try to replace the paper when you return the hat to its box. The tissue is wedged in a certain manner to hold veiling crown and in place. It stuffs the crown and is so placed that it may be drawn around the hat making a sort of inner box.

Care starts with the donning of a hat. Don't yank it out of the box and onto your head. Slip the hat on carefully, from the front, for a flat-top hairdo; from back to front if you sport bangs.

Should Be Brushed

Hats should be brushed or wiped after each wearing. Use a soft brush or a piece of velvet on felt or fabric hats. Fabric stretched over buckram takes a good cleaning with an art gum eraser. French chalk, rubbed in and brushed out, in one quick operation, does a good job on pastel felts, the type that are so popular especially in off-white shades. Or you can go over the entire hat very lightly, with fine sandpaper.

Use cleaning fluid to keep ribbon trim fresh, and don't forget to remove powder and perspiration from the inner head band frequently, with cleaning fluid.

Raindrops On Felt

Don't cry over rain-spotted felts. Dry them out, and then, with a gentle, circular motion, use a piece of chambray or fine sandpaper to banish the spots. Occasionally steam felts, velvets and other napped materials. Hold the hat well above the spout of a steaming kettle and brush very lightly.

Remove clusters of flowers by shaking gently over steam. Feathers and large flowers that become bent or out of shape may be gently but firmly finger-pressed as you steam them. Curl petals around a pencil the same way. Ribbons usually can come off for a bath. Press out kinks with a warm iron, and use scissors to trim frayed edges. You can trim up flower petals, too. Restuffen drooping velvets by pressing between two sheets of waxed paper. Or rinse them in sugar water and stretch smooth to dry. Velvets not attached to hats should be wound around a cardboard cylinder when not in use.

through the winter in flimsy under-wear longing for the luxury of wool. But afraid of its dowdiness—and of the extra bulk it will add to her waistline.

Having produced this skeleton from the smart woman's wardrobe, it is my pleasant duty to report that the stigma has been taken out of woollen underwear.

The story of the camisole, which has often in the past had about as much shape as a potato sack, has taken several steps forward.

Woollen fabrics are now spun gossamer fine and ultra-feminine, and designers are being inspired to create woollen undergarments which compete for chic even with silks and chiffons.

Winter nightdresses, which hitherto were made of wineryette, and hung straight and shapeless from the shoulders like a man's nightshirt, are now as attractive as they are snug.

Made of finely woven wool, in lovely pastel colours, they can be smocked, lace-trimmed, and made exactly as you would make the finest silk.

One nightdress I saw in deep turquoise had long sleeves, frilled, and fitted at the wrist.

It was yoked and collarless, and the yoke and sleeve edges were edged with wide lace.

SMARTER PYJAMAS

I saw a pink satin sash used on a pale-blue nightdress, and the sheerest pale-green wool-edged with pink fine-wool lace.

A turquoise dressing-gown was piped with a narrow black edging—and for the woman who has time to wear exotic negligee fine black lace wool was made with wide, flowing sleeves and a trailing hemline.

Pyjamas have been smartened considerably, and it is surprising how many women still wear them all the year round.

Instead of being made with V-necks and drain-pipe trousers, they are now tailored and well-fitting. They are made in this same fine wool, and although pyjamas will never be glamorous, they are, at least, much more attractive than they were.

Camiknicker look as if they are made from chiffon—they are tailored to fit and prettily flared over the hips, but without the usual thick bulk which one expects from layers of wool.

GLAMOROUS UNDIES

Vest and pantie sets, well-fitting and hard-wearing, look as if they are made of the finest lace.

They are not only warm, but they are glamorous, too—a word never before associated with woollen underwear.

Housecoats and full-length dressing gowns do not look as if they are made from a blanket, but they are as warm.

They can be pleated or plain, frilled or with a swirling skirt and they will not take up the entire space to pack in a suitcase.

I see that the old-fashioned pantaloons and cardigan sets are coming back. But I do not think that women will take them seriously.

The tune they're beating on the Mayfair drums

Anne Edwards

LONDON. IF YOU WANT to keep up with the Mayfair Joneses, you'll keep your eyes open for what's new in **OUTLINES:** Tube Look to the knees, flared below; **COLOURS:** powder and bronze; **HAIR STYLES:** curls on to cheekbones; **LIPSTICK:** plum red; **POWDER:** shade of parchment; **EARRINGS:** long danglers to match the newest **NECKLACES:** which are long, knotted amber, jade, or pearl beads. . . .

And on the wardrobe hooks of the Mayfair Joneses you will find the newest **SHOES,** which have straps halfway down the instep. **Louis heels;** **FURS** of leopard; and **PAT-TERNS** in gay tartans. . . .

SCATTER THEM!



Example: At the throat-line

THE "scatter-pin" craze is on its way over via Paris and New York. Women there are wearing six or seven of these tiny pins—mosquitoes, bees, ladybirds—in clusters on their lupels, shoulders, waistbelts.

In London, though, the cheapest scatter-pin I could find was a gilt bee with coloured glass body, five shillings each and twice too big. London please copy!

YOU KNOW HIM? CHILDREN I HATE—The Personality Kid.

When you say "How d'you do?" he says "I don't like you." Then he creeps up and slams the door in your face while you are talking to his mother.

All through tea he stares at you, and once-in-a-while contributes a personal remark, such as "Your legs are too thin," or "What's that lady for, Mummy?"

If you counter-attack with a surreptitious slap he runs from the room screaming, "She hit me, she hit me." If you try rapprochement with a toy he says, "I've got one like that."

The only way to make peace is to fill his mouth with your chocolate ration and sit quiet while he dribbles most of it back on to your lap.

TOP-SELLER

THE hat that half London is wearing is a jersey snood with two rolls across the top, and two side scarves to drape round your face. Twenty-four thousand women are wearing them, and another hundred a day join the frame-your-face brigade.

But there ought to be a society for the prevention of hats-that-frame-faces being worn by faces that have no claim to be framed.

SHOP NOTEBOOK

GOING down Regent-street, I BOUGHT the first of the new nylon-mesh nighties that dry as quickly as the stockings and never need ironing, for £2 9s. 11d.

I NOTED the "Mrs Stanley hair-style"—outside platinum doughnut-ring buns offered for sale at 7½ guineas. I MET Sheila Sims, new spring outfit with reversible jacket—blue one side, check blue and white the other. I WINDOW-SHOPPED for the first waspies made-in-one with a strapless brassiere for evening dress.

AND I OVERHEARD a middle-aged, musquash-coated woman say to her grey-haired boy friend "Try a little whisky in your health food, dear. It's delicious."

QUOTES

MY FAVOURITE cattinism: "Doris was there in one of those gownless evening straps." "Don't look now, dear, but your smile is slipping." "She's the sort of woman who can only count up to sex."

SPARE US!

NEWS that yet another Maid of Cotton is on her way from America leaves me wondering.

In the last six months five of these self-assured "ambassadors of fashion" have unpacked their new luggage, displayed their sleek clothes, and gone.

Who elects these ambassadors? And just what sort of "good will" do they create by showing us how a well-dressed girl can look—if she

doesn't have to buy her own clothes? Among others, we have had the World's Best Dressed Woman (sister-in-law, ex-wife, and wife of a millionaire) . . . the Maid of Wool who arrived in midsummer with an all-wool wardrobe . . . Sally Hardesty, glamour prizewinner, who advised Englishwomen to look "classical but not commonplace."

And now 19-year-old Miss Sue Howell, who gallantly arrives in midwinter with an all-cotton trousseau.

Isn't it about time that the New York Dress Institute, the world's biggest fashion publicity organisation, who are responsible for most of this propaganda, put over a new idea?

Or confined the old one to less embarrassed customers?

ON THE MENU

DELICACIES just in are: Meat aspic jelly, 8d. each. Goat's cream (excellent with vanilla flavoured), no points, 2s. 9d. a carton. Goat's milk cheese, no points, 6s. 6d. per lb. Swiss Gruyere, 8 points, 5s. a lb. Norwegian crab paste, 1s. 11d. per tin. Dutch herring soft roe, 2s. 6d. per tin. Goose liver and pork, 2s. 6d. per tin. Australian fruit chutney, 3s. 6d. a jar. Australian tomato ketchup, 1s. 4d. Frozen Russian salad 12 oz. carton, 1s. 4d. Powdered tomato, spinach, onions, from 2s. 3d. a bottle. Pint tins of grape juice, 1s. 4½d. Bottled fresh garden peas, carrots sliced runner beans, 2s., no points, enough for three.

GOOD ADVICE

IN the era when men wear velvet suits, and jewels, a contemporary said of him, "Of all my acquaintances I was the quietest, plainest, most unpretending dresser. He eschewed colours, trinkets, gewgaws. His clothes were exquisitely made and he put them on well, but there was no striving for effect."

His name? Beau Brummell, the man who first made English tailoring celebrated. His advice on dress? "If John Bull turns to look after you, you are not well dressed, but either too stiff, too tight, or too fashionable." (From "Beau Brummell," a new biography by Kathleen Campbell.)

S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-D? STATEMENTS that didn't quite work out, "We just haven't enough materials for longer skirts," Miss Alice Kilroy, Under-Secretary at the Board of Trade, September 30, 1947.

'TIS FOLLY— "SEVERAL contented and devoted wives have told me that not a day of the honeymoon passed without tears. No one has ever told me that it was the happiest time of her life."

Brides expect too much. Every-one has conspired to persuade them that the first month of marriage is a time of unshaded bliss; when it proves to be full of ordinary annoyances they feel disappointed and think: "If I am not deliciously happy now, when shall I ever be?" And later, when they find the married state pleasant enough, they blame their early disappointment on their husbands' arrangements. We never ought to have gone to that awful hotel. No one told me how cold it could be at Antibes. We never had a moment alone. We never saw another soul. I was worn out walking through picture galleries. There was absolutely nothing to do. He should never have let me eat macaroni—I was never really well again until we got back to England. "A honeymoon is a holiday; the first one hopes of many. It has certain unique features, but the more it is treated at the planning stage as something commonplace the more enjoyable it is likely to be."

Who said all this? EVELYN WAUGH in "A Book for Brides," published by Forbes Publications.

LITTLE RICH GIRL

SHE is the little girl who is the third party in this year's most public runaway romance—REBECCA WELLES.

Every picture of the celebrated cross-country marathon shows this small, sulky person in zip-sided boots and the same woolly ski suit, being dragged up back door gangways pushed out of side door exists, bundled into cars at midnight, lugged into one plane after another when she's too tired to walk.

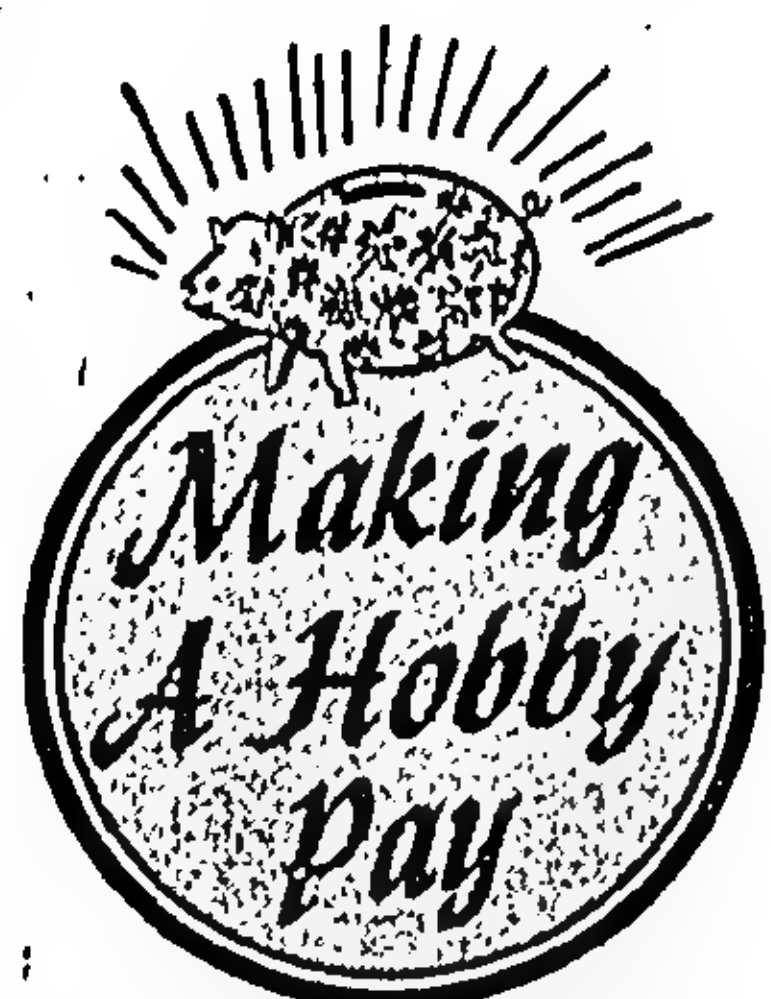
Some aspects of her Christmas holiday have been strange enough to make even a four-year-old ponder. What fun it is travelling to half the exciting places in Europe. If only you have time to see them.

Why did mamma suggest a boat trip together, and never once come on deck? And if she is so keen for Rebecca to come too, why doesn't she look round once in a while, or take her hand, to make sure she's there?

It's not as if she were just the seventeenth piece of luggage. Or is it?



PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT



By MARION CLYDE MCCARROLL

EVER feel the need of just a little extra money? Just that little bit that will make all the difference between having the high cost of living eat up every available penny or having a few dollars to put away as a nest egg or spend as you please?

Very well then, why not do as thousands of other women are doing and make those extra dollars right at home? Earn them by doing for others something you already like to do for yourself, whether it's cooking, sewing, some sort of handicraft, gardening or making rugs.

In other words, make that hobby of yours bring in some good hard cash. You haven't a hobby?

Then get one. There are dozens and dozens of them you can take up, any one of which, if you're clever at it, can be turned into a money-making venture.

Says Joseph Leeming, whose new book, "Money-Making Hobbies," has just been published: "A hobby should be fun, something you really enjoy doing. But, as thousands of people have found out, there are scores of hobbies which, after a shorter or longer period, turn out to be sources of profit." He then goes on to say that the aim of his book is "to present a wider variety of proven money-making hobbies than has heretofore been available in any single volume."

In carrying out this purpose, he tells about people who have earned money by wood carving, making costume jewellery, decorating old tin trays, keeping bees, raising rabbits, by baking pies and cakes, cutting

gems, raising herbs, hunting wild-flowers, taking pictures, and doing numerous other things.

In a special section titled "Hobbies for Housewives," he describes how many women have found dollars in "the housewives' work of darning socks, turning collars, repairing holes burned in dresses, sewing on buttons, and otherwise keeping men's and women's clothing up to snuff."

Many of the hobbies discussed in the book are sufficiently simple so that they can be learned from Mr. Leeming's descriptions of them. To do others well enough to earn money by them requires more definite instruction, and to meet this need, the author has appended a list of books in which readers will find detailed instructions in the various crafts and other pursuits.

"Money-Making Hobbies" should be available at your bookstore.



THE MAKING OF ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, such as those on which Mrs. Ann Brock is at work here, is one of the interesting and remunerative hobbies described in a new book on "Money-Making Hobbies."



COSTUME JEWELLERY, says the author of "Money-Making Hobbies," is easy to make and profitable. Even if you don't care about money, it's fun.

Should A Small Child Have Calisthenics?

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

DIGHTLY, many mothers are eager to find ways of cultivating physical grace in the young child. For example, a mother writes: "Please prescribe for me a set of calisthenics for a 2½ year old girl. She is a strong, wiry little child, and I'd like to keep her supple. And what is the best method of developing grace in a child?"

In part I answered her about like this. Although some pediatricians recommend some calisthenics for the baby (which should be employed only with the pediatrician's advice) these exercises hardly apply to a child as old as yours.

Young Father

I might add that some young fathers have hit on ways of toughening the tot against physical fear and developing good balance and strong leg and back muscles in him: How safe such procedure is I don't know. I think there needs to be considerable caution. I have observed a few fathers, for example, lifting a tot at his ankles near his feet so that the tot stands alone with his sole support as his head nears the ceiling. This strikes me as excellent, and there may be all sorts of variations of this principle.

But there are many other ways for the tot to acquire similar results, especially in the rough and tumble outdoor play with others of his age, than which there is nothing better, I think. Also from good climbing apparatus, swings and slides. Unfortunately lack of space deprives many children of such wholesome play materials, though many tots and runabouts are so denied because parents who could, do not provide such.

Dancing Lessons

Some skillful teachers give group dancing lessons to tots, which involve a variety of balancing exercises and require group co-operation. But most dancing lessons for young children aim at training them like seals to do fancy stunts to be shown off to adults. Granting that the child may gain thereby somewhat in physical grace, he tends to lose in

Ersatz Sausage Suits Germans

Frankfurt, Germany—A "hundred percent ersatz" sausage and a milk substitute has been produced successfully in Germany and the Germans like it, the Bipartite Control Office announced.

The announcement said a firm in Hanover has turned out such a sausage and that the firm's ten-ton daily output is being sold out. The U.S. Government shipped 100 tons of soy to help the project.

At the same time a milk substitute was developed by a British medical group working in the Ruhr and is now manufactured at the rate of 100 tons a month. Bipartite officials said development of the projects would ease considerably the meat and dairy situation in the western occupation zone.

1949 IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION

ROOFED with glass silk and fronted by a 65ft tower with a 12ft golden Britannia on the dome, an astonishing building is to be erected in Olympia, London, before March.

It will be one-fifth the size of St. Paul's Cathedral, but it will rise from the ground within three weeks of its first "stone-laying". Modern methods and materials will account for its swift erection as well as its beauty.

As the Pavilion of Beautiful Things at the Ideal Home Exhibition, open from March 1 to 28, it will offer visitors an adventure in luxury and perfection.

Carpeted in thick grey Wilton and lighted by seven huge crystal chandeliers, with hundreds of swinging lustres, it will contain, on circular carpeted stages, selected masterpieces of modern craftsmanship in silverware, crystal, glass, fabrics and leatherwork. Six firms noted for high-class wares are to contribute some of the proudest specimens from their stocks.

The Pavilion itself will be an example of architectural splendour, in style based on the 18th Century Roman Doric. Craftsmen are already at work in London, Manchester and elsewhere creating its parts in advance. The more-than-twice-life-size Britannia is being made at Hammersmith. The delicately decorated panels for its walls and tower, as well as the great dome, are to be fibrous plaster mouldings—an art formerly the prerogative of French and Italian artists, which has now reached its highest levels in Britain. They are being made at Hammersmith. In the north, a thousand yards of silk drawn, spun and woven from glass is being prepared for the pavilion roof. This, again, is a post-war product.

UPSTAIRS—AND AGAIN!

The day of tall houses is returning—helping to solve the problems of housing families in towns.

An idea that will make housewives think and perhaps abandon prejudices is to be illustrated by the Ministry of Health at the Exhibition.

The Ministry will show a three-story family house which is sure to be provocative to a generation accustomed to the universal two-story villa or "semi." But it will be the tall house of a new mood and a new era, not the toilsome dwelling of a century ago.

It will give all the advantages of four bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs with both a roof-terrace and a ground-level garden for recreation, without taking more ground space than can be spared for such amenities in what the experts call "densely populated urban areas."

Innovations rid the tall house of its ancient faults. No-one nowadays has to carry up coals and water, or bring down ashes from the upper floors. The ordeal of polishing, brushing and scrubbing has been lifted. The modern three-story home will be as easily worked as many a two-story one. Visitors will see exactly how.

Other interesting types of home which the Ministry will show installed in the same three-story terrace building include a two-story maisonette, a two-room flat, and a single-room flat.

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Dr. Isadore Rudnick, a physicist, said his experiments show that super-sound waves are about 100 times more efficient at washing clothes than any machine, and are also handy to light your pipe, kill mice and roaches and even help fight smog.

Results Amazing

"I don't know why it does some of these things," he said. "I only know, for example, that if you put some dirty laundry in suds close to the intense sound field the laundry comes out amazingly clean. But it's much too soon to say that this technique is practical."

"However, I do feel that sound waves are destined to play a more important role in the home and industry."

The sound "burns up" mice and insects by raising their body temperatures rapidly when the sound energy is changed into heat energy. Rudnick's first "super whistle" boiled coffee in seven minutes and lit a pipeful of tobacco when the open end of the bowl was exposed to the sound for one minute.

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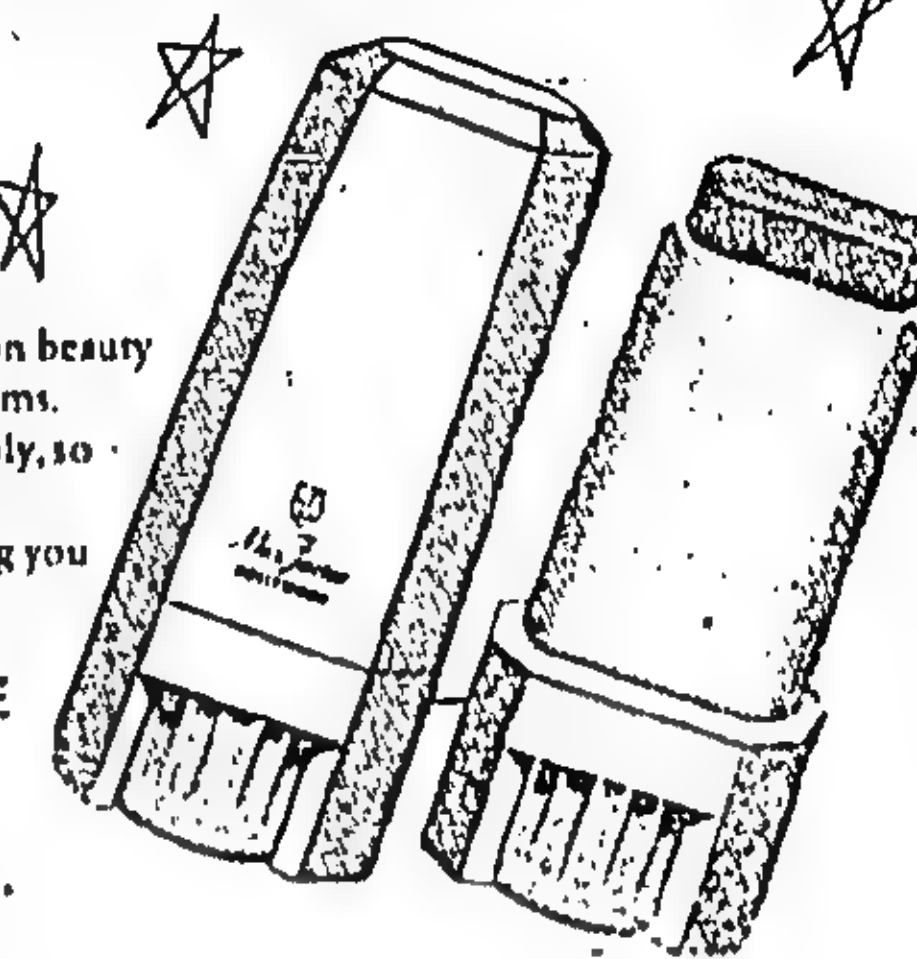
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Let's Eat

BY

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

WHEN I walked into the test-kitchen the Chef was pounding a large piece of beef with a wooden mallet.

"This is the utility beef which is back on the market," he explained. "It is not the filet mignon, it is not the porterhouse; it is a piece of brisket for the pot-roast, but it can be made just as tender as the prime beef." A few more thumps with the mallet and he held it up.

"That ought to make a fine pot-roast," I said. "But I never saw such a thick piece of meat pounded before. Usually we pound thinner cuts such as round steak or veal for scalloping."

Same Principle

"But Madame, the principle is the same. I find it makes the texture much more tender, no matter how thick it is. This grass-fed utility beef has just come home from the range. As you know, Madame, when cattle feed on grass, the muscles become tough and the meat becomes stringy. There is not much fat in the fibres of the meat like you have from the cattle that feed on corn. So after pounding this grass-fed beef to make tender, we have to add some fat."

"That's a good explanation," I said. "Now I suppose you're going to lard the meat?"

"You mean to put the fat in through the meat?"

"Yes—you take that long larding needle, put a thin 2 inch strip of fat salt pork into the end, and draw it through the raw meat; these salt pork strips, called lardons, should be introduced in at least a dozen places for a 3 or 4 lb. pot-roast of utility beef."

"Ah, oui, that is the best way to put into the stringy meat the fat that should be there. We chefs always use that method."

"But in case some of our readers don't have larding needles, we'll have to give a different method," I said.

"It is not difficult to put the salt pork through the meat on the outside," the Chef went on. "You just make a slash with a sharp knife and push the salt pork through it."

"But how can we get some fat salt pork into the centre of the meat?"

Wooden Skewer

"That can be done by making a long hole in the meat with an ice-pick or a thick wooden skewer," he explained. "Then you push a very thin strip of salt pork way down into the opening of the broad end of the skewer. The meat closes up over it, and voilà! Now there's something else I will do to this pot-roast to make it tender. I will add a little vinegar in the cooking. And for a special treat I will prepare it in the style of Sweden with three anchovies for the seasoning."

"What! No onions or spices?"

"But of course, Madame! The spices are very important. I shall

use a bay-leaf and both whole peppercorns and whole allspice. These add a much better flavour than when they are ground."

Dinner

Noodle Soup Croutons
Pot-Roast of Beef Swedish Style
Fried Potatoes
Tomato String Beans
Fried Cucumbers
Turkey or Concord Grape Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Pot-Roast of Beef Swedish Style

For this purchase 3 to 4 lbs. brisket, round or rump of beef. Pound the meat thoroughly to tenderise it, then lard it with 2 oz. fat salt pork cut in strips. Truss into shape and tie with clean white string. Brown all over in meat fat in a heavy kettle. Add 1½ tsp. salt, 2 tsp. minced onion, 8 peppercorns, 3 tsp. vinegar, 1 small bay-leaf, 15 whole allspice, ½ tsp. sugar and 3 anchovies cut in bits. Add 1 c. water and ½ tsp. beef extract. Cover tight and braise slowly 3 hours, or until very tender. (Or pressure-cook 45 min. at 15 lbs. pressure.) If necessary place an asbestos mat underneath to prevent scorching. From time to time add a total of 1 1/2 extra cup water containing ½ tsp. beef extract.

Before serving, remove the meat from the kettle. Make a gravy from the meat juice, adding 1 c. rich top milk to the liquid in the kettle instead of using water. Add with 2 tsp. flour stirred smooth in 2 tsp. milk, and bring to boiling point. Remove white string from the meat before serving. Enough for two meals; then hash with left-over bits.

Fried Cucumbers

Select 2 large cucumbers that are over-ripe. Thin-peel and cut cross-wise in ½ in. slices. Dip in milk; dust with salt and pepper, then dip in fine dry bread crumbs. Fry tender and brown in vegetable fat.

Grape Pie

Prepare rich pie pastry, and line a 9 in. pie plate with it. To make the filling, cut and seed 3 ripe to-kay grapes, or instead use 3 c. concord grapes from which the seeds have been removed; simmer the skins 10 min. in ½ c. water; then combine with the pulp. Add ½ c. sifted all-purpose flour mixed with ½ c. granulated sugar and ½ tsp. cinnamon if desired. Spoon into the lined pie plate. Dot with ½ tsp. butter or margarine. Cover lattice fashion with ½ in. strips of the pastry. Bake 10 min. in a very hot oven, 425 F.; then reduce the heat to 375 F. and continue baking 30 min. longer or until the grapes are cooked and the crust is brown.

Trick Of The Chef

Tomato-string beans are a little different. Just heat rice freshly cooled string beans in 1 (0 oz.) tin tomato sauce. Add a little onion juice and salt and pepper to taste.



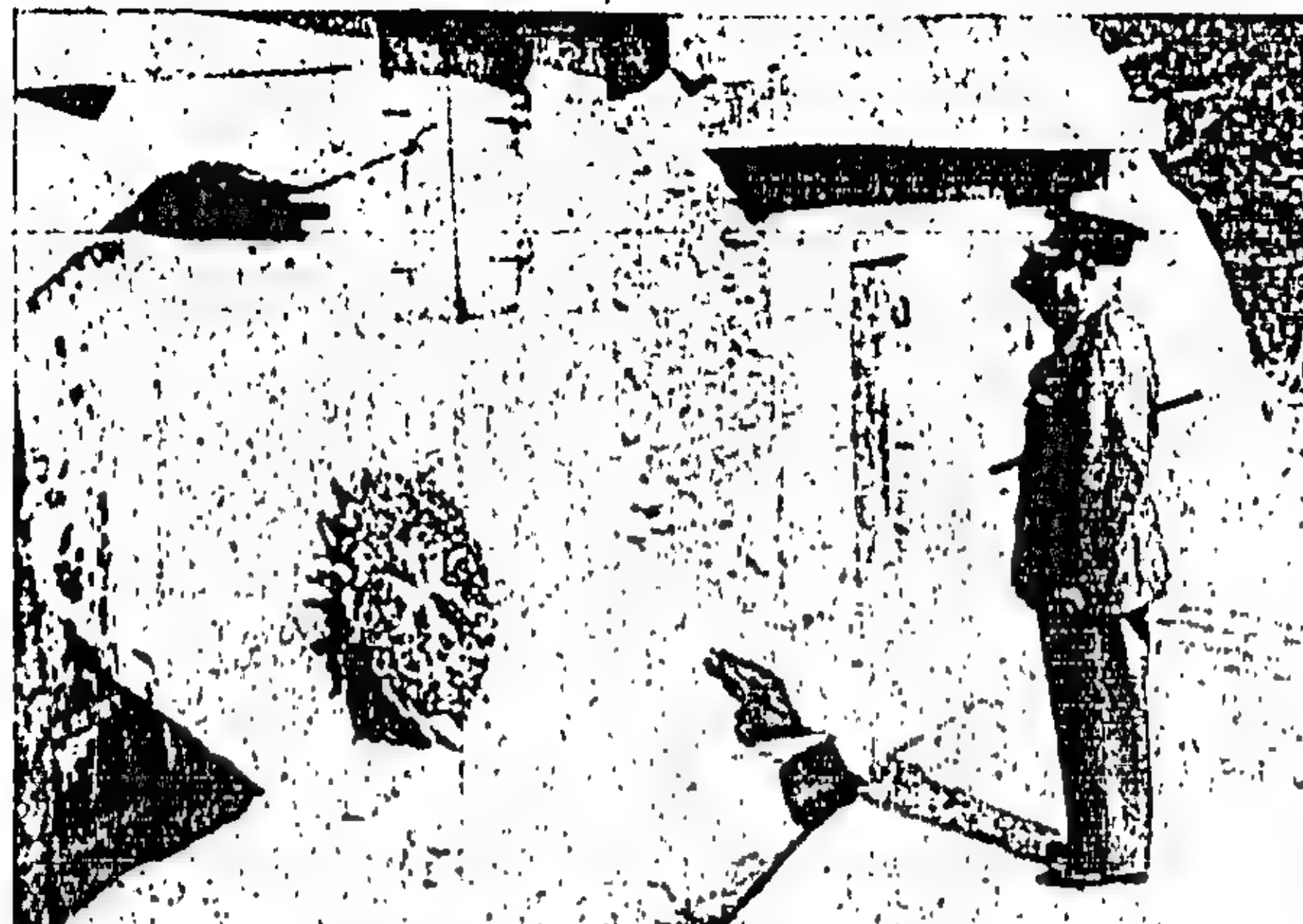
MR H. E. Stone, who recently retired after many years here as General Manager of the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Stone were farewelled by the staff of the Company at a Chinese banquet. Mr and Mrs. Stone are seated in centre of picture on the left. Third from right seated is Mr F. W. Goodwin, Mr Stone's successor. (Golden Studio)



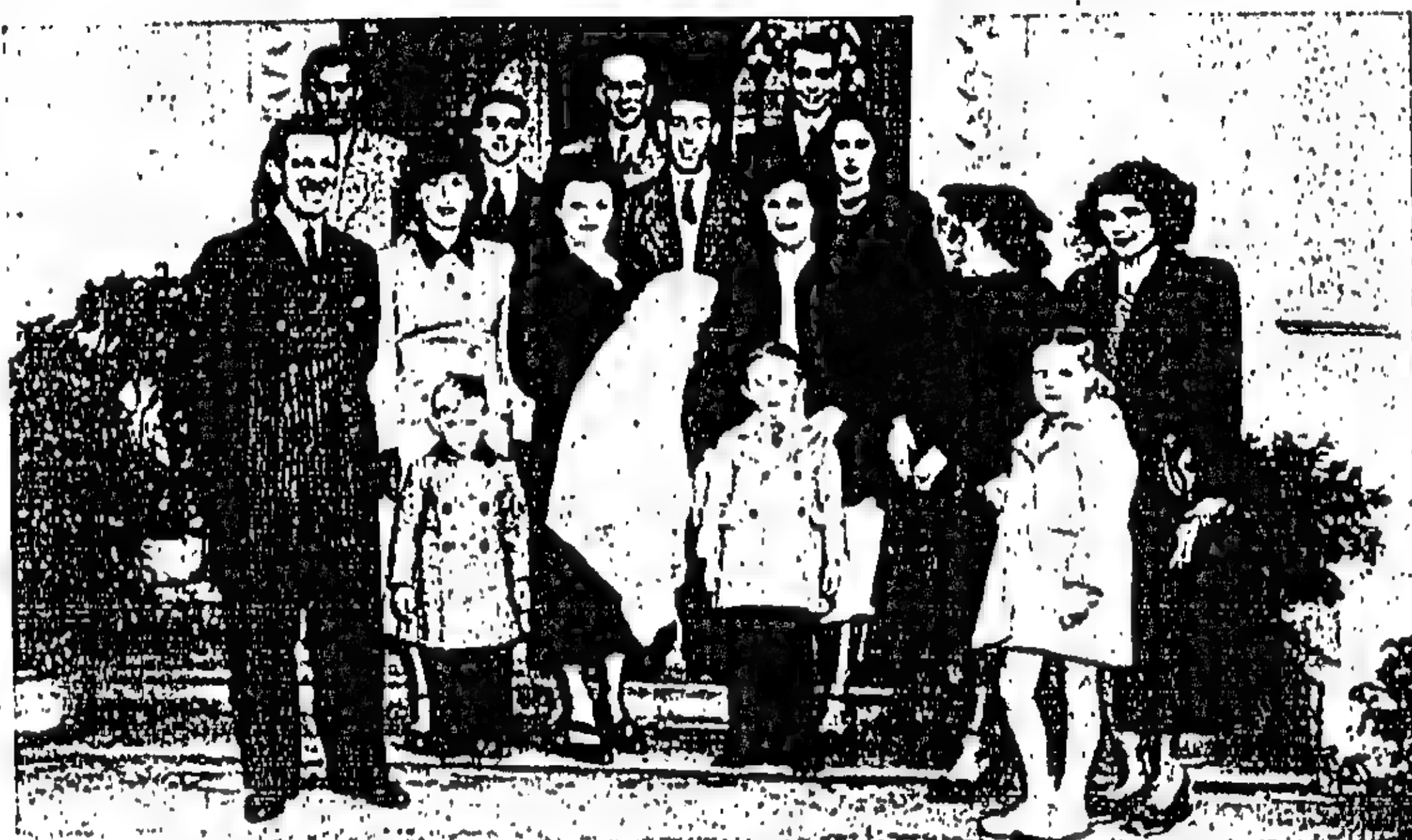
GROUP photograph taken at the residence of Mr and Mrs Kwok Chan when they entertained Colonel Sir James Sleoman, Chief Overseas Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade, and other guests at dinner. Left: Mr A. di Arculli, local Commissioner, pays tribute after a wreath was laid on Tuesday at the Magazine Gap pillbox where nine St John men were beheaded by the Japanese during the war. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



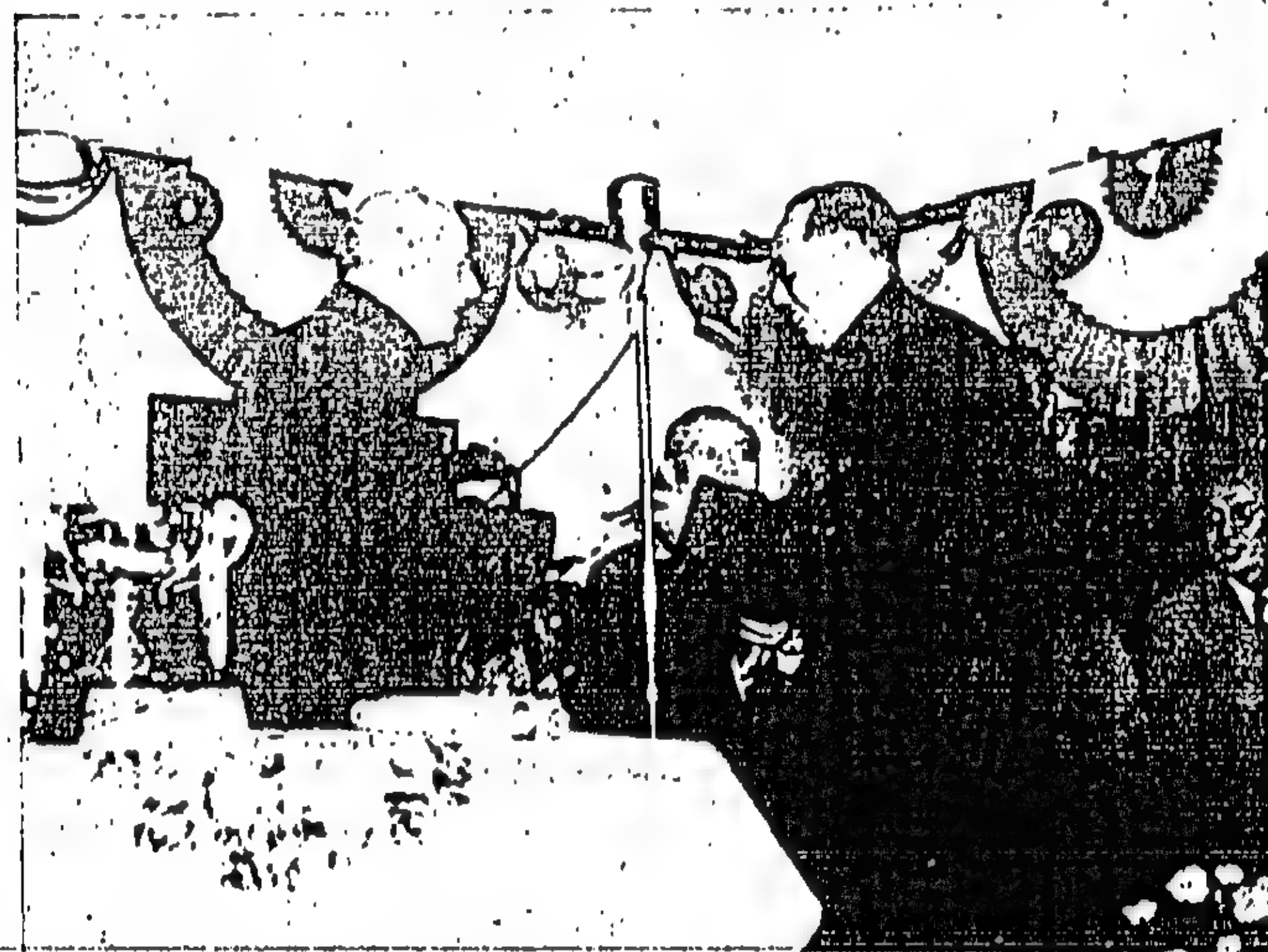
TO mark the close of the membership drive, a party was held last Saturday at the South China Athletic Association's premises at Caroline Hill. Above: Lady Lo presents pennants. Below: Sir Man-kam Lo presents a badge of merit to Mr Chan Wing-pak. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken outside the Registry on Tuesday after the marriage of Mr George Knight, officer of Stanley Prison, and Mrs Alexandra Yates. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE christening of Caroline Lynda, infant daughter of Inspector and Mrs E. S. Thompson, took place at St John's Cathedral recently. Picture above was taken on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



SCENE at the Hospital Road centre of the Hongkong Council for Social Service on Monday morning, when a distribution of old clothing was made to a large number of the needy. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Hongkong Football Club's rugby team, who won the Quadrangular Tournament last Saturday. (Golden Studio)



TWO pictures taken on board the Ming Sung Industrial Company's motor vessel, Chi Men, on Monday when a cocktail party was given to mark the inauguration of the ship's Hongkong-Canton run. The master of the vessel, Captain H. H. Chao, is in centre of upper picture. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the christening of David Bruce, infant son of Mr and Mrs C. J. Norman, which took place at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)

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LAST GIFT OF A FATHER ABOUT TO DIE

THE CASE
OF THE
HOODED MAN

IN 1912, at Lewes Assizes, John Williams was tried and convicted of the murder of a policeman at Eastbourne. He was executed. I have no doubt whatever that he was guilty, but I have equally no doubt that, in law, his conviction was unjustifiable, and inasmuch as his trial was the first occasion upon which I had appeared for the defence upon a capital charge, the result caused me the gravest disquiet.

John Williams was not his name. I was told that he was the son of a clergyman, and that he was determined that his father should never hear of the depths to which he had descended.

He was a well-set-up young man, and his speech gave every evidence of good education.

By profession he was a burglar, and he could scale the wall of a house like a cat.

Sweetheart of great beauty

At the time of his trial he was living with a young woman of remarkable beauty who was on the point of giving birth to a child, which fact formed one of the features of a somewhat unusual trial.

When prosperous Williams lived in West End hotels, where he and his companion would dine in luxury; when trade was bad he would return to the slums.

His companions were mainly criminals like himself, of whom the only one who appeared in a prominent position at the subsequent trial was a man named Power.

Difficult though it might be to discover any redeeming quality in the character of the prisoner, in the case of Power it would seem to be an impossibility.

This man had posed as a close and devoted friend, who shared in many of Williams' criminal activities, while at the same time apparently nourishing a secret passion for the young then living, and it may well be that this suggested passion afforded the explanation of the almost inhuman betrayal of which Power was subsequently guilty.

At the date of the crime there was living in Eastbourne a lady who was locally known as the Countess.

Her house was situated in a road running up from the esplanade, and one night she saw a man on the portico.

A piece of prison bread to his child.... 'Now nobody can ever say that your father has not ever given you anything'

by Sir

Patrick Hastings K.C.

She telephoned the police, and a police officer called on the man to come down.

The only reply was a shot from a revolver and the policeman fell dead.

Eastbourne was combed for the murderer, but apparently without result, and the author of the crime might never have been traced had it not been for his subsequent betrayal, a betrayal under singularly revolting circumstances.

Power betrays his friend

A few days after the crime Power presented himself at the Eastbourne police station, where he stated that he was in a position to identify the murderer.

He said that Williams had decided to burglar the Countess's house; that he had started his journey in company with his paramour, whom he had left on a bench on the front; that he had fired his revolver—whether or not merely to frighten the policeman was not clear—and, finding that the man was dead, he had rejoined the girl and confessed to what he had done.

According to Power, both became alarmed and buried the revolver in the shingle on the beach.

Having, no money, they communicated with Power, and he had helped Williams to return to London, where he had made a full confession of the crime.

Trap set for the girl

It was at once clear to the police that the character of Power was such that no jury would believe his uncorroborated evidence.

So they decided upon a scheme in which, while admirable in its ingenuity, was somewhat unpleasant in its execution, although no doubt necessitated.

The plan was rendered no more attractive by the fact that Power was of necessity a collaborator, and while the only accurate account of what was arranged was known to the police, that version which reached his ears as being derived from the girl herself, and therefore quite possibly exaggerated, was by no means attractive.

According to her she received a visit from Power immediately after his call upon the police, when he said he had come to save her and Williams.

He told her that the police knew the full story of the crime, including the fact that the incriminating revolver had been buried upon the beach, and that they were proposing immediately to retrieve it.

Accordingly, the only possible way to save Williams from the gallows would be that he, Power, should accompany her to the spot where the revolver was to be found, and that they should together dig it up and remove it.

Arrested on the beach

The position of the girl was pitiable. She was undoubtedly devoted to her lover, and she was in a condition in which the birth of her child was imminent; moreover, she believed Power to be a true, and indeed her only friend.

In consequence, she fell into the trap.

The same night she and Power went down upon the beach. With little difficulty she dug up the revolver, and, on rising to her feet, found herself surrounded by police, when both she and Power were immediately arrested.

What followed next must always remain a matter for speculation as her story and that of the police did not completely tally.

According again to her version, she was told that unless she made a full confession she would be charged with murder, and that her only hope of escape was to incriminate her lover.

What, if any inducement was held out to her it is impossible to say, but the fact remained that she told the full story very much as Power had foreshadowed; and her statement was immediately recorded and signed.

Police moved swiftly

It now became obvious to the authorities that events must move quickly to prevent any possibility of the girl retracting her statement.

It was decided to entrust her to the care of a police matron, a course which, while possibly evincing a tender care, would at the same time prevent any possible communication with outside influence.

Williams was immediately arrested and brought before the magistrates, when, instead of merely formal evidence of arrest being given, as is the usual practice, the girl's evidence was given at the earliest possible moment. Treasury Counsel appeared for the prosecution, and she was taken through her statement line by line and she was only released from police supervision when her deposition had been formally given and signed.

By this time the case had aroused an enormous amount of public interest. Speculation had been first aroused by the decision of the police that Williams on his journey between the prison and the police court should envelop his face in a veil.

So the prisoner became popularly known as The Hooded Man.

Power's share in the betrayal had been carefully excluded from the evidence, but some suspicion of his complicity must have leaked out.

An urgent request

Very naturally the case caused me the greatest anxiety. If the girl's story was accepted the result of the trial was a forgone conclusion; there was a suspicion and no more that Power had proved himself a Judas, but even if that suspicion should prove to be well founded it amounted to no more than an element of prejudice.

My anxiety was increased by the urgent request of the prisoner that I should visit him in prison.

I have always believed the practice of such visits to be most undesirable.

So many ingenious defences have been presented to the courts which obviously owe their origin to minds far more acute than that possessed by the average murderer, that it is far better that counsel should have nothing whatever to do with them and in addition, there is always the grave risk that an accused man may blurt out some statement or even confession that may seriously hamper his advocate in the conduct of his defence.

However, on this occasion I yielded to the prisoner's importunities, and for the first and only time consented to visit the accused man in his cell.

Not the faintest sign of fear

Now whatever Williams' crimes and faults, he was at least unflinchingly courageous. He showed not the faintest sign of fear.

He said nothing about the facts of the case except to deny that he knew anything whatever about the murder.

About the girl whose evidence against him was so deadly, he spoke with nothing but kindness; but when Power's name was mentioned he stated calmly that if only he could get Power within reach for a couple of minutes there would be no necessity for anyone to defend him on a charge of murder.

I warned him that the risk of an unfavourable verdict was great, and asked him if he wished me to try for a verdict of manslaughter upon the possible ground that the shot had been fired without any intention to cause death.

He brushed the suggestion aside almost with contempt, saying he would far rather be hanged than go to prison for another year.

Sir Frederick Low K.C., prosecutor for the Crown at the trial, based his case almost entirely upon the girl's statement. He asked that the greatest possible indulgence should be extended to her, but pointed out that if her evidence was accepted the result of the case was a foregone conclusion.

Surprise at the trial

The girl was the first witness of any importance, and although desperately ill she looked very beautiful. Her first words fell like a bombshell. She could say nothing; she could give no evidence, and she knew nothing whatever about the murder.

Low at once asked for and obtained leave from the judge to cross-examine her upon her statement before the magistrates.

She was taken line by line through that statement, and, while admitting that she had made it, she said that every word was only forced from her by the terror of her arrest.

The effect of this retraction gave rise to the real problem in the trial. According to our law, a prisoner is tried upon the evidence given before the jury.

It is, of course, always permissible to cross-examine a witness by confronting him or her with a statement made on a prior occasion, but the effect of such a cross-examination is liable to be misunderstood.

As a means of discrediting the witness it may be conclusive, but it does not turn into evidence against the prisoner, the contents of the statement the truth of which the witness denies.

Question of what is evidence

The result of Low's cross-examination, in my opinion, amounted to no more than this: the jury were entitled to disbelieve the witness when she stated that she knew nothing about the murder, but they were not entitled to treat as evidence the contents of her deposition before the magistrates, in which she had given a detailed account of the occurrence on the fatal night. In other words, her evidence on this part of the case was purely negative.

The cross-examination of Power was even more dramatic. Never in my life have I met a more utterly contemptible human being.

The betrayal of his friend was bad enough but the story of his treatment of the girl, also according to him his dearest friend, must have revolted everyone.

Everything he did to her was in collaboration with the police. When



Sir Patrick Hastings at the time of the trial.

he approached her with protestations of undying friendship, he knew that officers were standing almost within earshot; knowing that she was unwillingly sending her lover to the gallows, he aided her with a pretence of tender affection in her search for the fatal weapon: when he was arrested with her, he knew that his arrest was just a sham.

Taken out of the country

As the horrible story was dragged out of him, it was scarcely surprising that the wardens in the dock closed nearer to the prisoner, few would have doubted what Power's fate would have been if the two men had been allowed to meet.

When he left the witness-box one thing at least was obvious; no prisoner could ever be convicted if Power's evidence stood alone.

After the trial I heard that the police smuggled him out of the country.

The only other evidence of any importance was that of the prisoner himself. He gave his evidence well, denying that he had any part in or knew anything about the murder.

His cross-examination was detailed and prolonged, but did not add very much to the general story, and when the judge summed up—apart from the girl's story before the magistrates, there was very little evidence against him.

Everything depended on the summing-up, and, in my view, the summing-up was most unfortunate. It is enough to say that the judge directed the jury that they were entitled to consider the girl's statement as evidence in the case, and, if they accepted it, to convict the prisoner. The verdict was "Guilty."

There was, of course, an appeal, but before the hearing the prisoner's child was born. The unhappy mother had no money and no friends, so my wife and I had to provide for her confinement.

Condemned man saw his baby

The hearing in the Appeal Court was unfortunate. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Alverstone, presided, and although it was the first and, indeed, the only time I ever appeared before him, I was not greatly impressed by his legal acumen.

From the outset it was apparent that he was satisfied of the prisoner's guilt, and no legal argument seemed to make the least impression upon him. Indeed, in his judgment he never referred to it.

The prisoner was guilty and that was enough. The appeal was dismissed.

The last thing I heard of Williams came from one of the prison officials. Before his execution he was allowed a visit from the mother and his child. According to the usual custom they were separated by a grille, and he was allowed to hold the baby. The warden in attendance, with a not unnatural kindness, took the child from his mother and gave it to him.

He showed no sign of emotion as he kissed it affectionately, and then pressed a small piece of prison bread into its hand, saying as he did so: "Now nobody can ever say that your father has not ever given you anything."

The next day he was hanged.

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Are we losing the breed of Drake?

by DON TAYLOR

HAS the youth of Britain lost the spirit of adventure? Are we, instead, breeding a new generation of "social security conscious" youngsters?

Many of those concerned in the training of young people these days believe that we are.

In a recent broadcast discussion on "Adventure," the solitary adult speaker found the youngsters who were his co-speakers united in a strong disapproval of his eulogy on the spirit of adventure.

They thought it showed lack of a sense of responsibility. Is this outlook the product of minds reared in the belief that the State should mother them from the cradle to the grave?

SAFE BERTHS

A friend of mine, a master in a London area council school, finds, now, that boys are much more inclined to plump for careers offering a safe berth and comfortable annual increase in pay.

Letters I get asking about Empire prospects—from boys and parents—almost invariably request information about security and pensions.

Surprisingly, I get a far larger number of inquiries from men above the 30 mark—and rarely do these bother (at least in the first instance) about such things as security, or pensions.

It would seem that not only the council schoolboy is affected. The Colonial Service, which wants in the main products of the universities, has never been so short of staff.

SERVICE DRIVE

Throughout the 40 or so countries of the Colonial Empire there are jobs going in practically all branches.

So near to crisis is the service that in the next few months it is launching a drive to attract the grammar-school or public-school boy before he goes up to the university.

Now we are certainly in a desperate position if an urge for

safety and security at all costs has really taken root in the national character.

They may be factors to take into account. Our colonies largely lie in regions where—despite the advances of science—the sun and the sandstorm, the mosquito and the tsetse fly, can make life pretty tough.

But we would never have built our Empire if these obstacles had not been conquered—much less shall we hold out.

DON'T BELIEVE IT

Are there really no boys lying on the dockside walls these days watching the deep-sea steamers loading, and dreaming the old, long dreams?

Do they really all want to be civil servants or employees of nationalised undertakings in safe jobs at home?

I don't believe it.

When the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey wanted eight men last year, to spend long, lonely months in the savage wastes of the Antarctic 600 applied.

And, don't forget, three Survey men recently lost their lives in that hostile world of ice.

When the East African groundnuts scheme—with all its discomforts of climate and isolation—was first launched, some 100,000 volunteered for the 2,000 or so jobs available.

'SWAMPED'

Again, I am told by both the Overseas Food and the Colonial Development Corporations that they are swamped with applications for jobs in Empire countries.

And then there are such men—and their name is legion in the British Empire—as Major W. Nell.

A lone white man with his African "boys," he has been surveying 2,000 miles of the old Nigerian slave trails in the heart of the tsetse-ridden bush, so that they can be turned into modern highways.

I wager the major didn't go very deeply into the "social security" side of it before he took on this trial of mental and physical endurance.

HOLIDAY SOCCER

THE STAGE IS SET FOR INTERPORT THRILLS

By "SEE TEE"

Matches with the fast, nippy footballers from Saigon hold the stage for the Chinese New Year holiday. Tomorrow the match is on a full Interport basis and Hongkong meet the challenge of Saigon's best.

On Sunday, Saigon face another hard and gruelling match. They are to meet a strong Combined Chinese eleven.

League football is at a standstill over the holiday period, while three matches with the visitors from Saigon draw upon the clubs' best playing strength. Hongkong's team to meet Saigon tomorrow includes a heavier preponderance of Chinese players than ever before.

Only one serviceman, Weatherall of the Army and one other non-Chinese, Kierman of the Club, are in the chosen eleven.

It includes no Portuguese member of the St. Joseph's team, a matter for surprise indeed when one considers the continuous good form of Xavier at right-wing. If any player is likely to be missed tomorrow it is Xavier.

Another quality, which may be missed tomorrow is the steadiness of a player who is used to playing as a pivot. The centre half position—well and truly termed "pivot"—is the key position in any team. Players who are used to holding it regularly, week-by-week, are the more valuable choice than one who has played brilliant yet mercurial games as wing-half or inside-forward.

Craighed is so much the obvious selection for this berth that it is the more astonishing that his name is not included even as a reserve.

TANG YEE-KIT BACK

The return of Tang Yee-kit to lead the attack remedies one of the lamentable lapses in choosing the Colony's team to play the first match with the Koreans. Tang has always played a fast, thrustful, sharp-shooting game; he has usually been well-marked, but time and again has served his side well.

Last Saturday, at Sookunpoo, Tang Yee-kit, almost saved the game for KMB. Above all, Tang Yee-kit plays a most scrupulously clean game. Even when battling unsupported against heavy odds, with the mendacious sections of the local crowd inciting players to do things which he never wavered from his own particular brand of clean football.

There are other players of the same type. Chau Mun-chi, Lau Chung-sang and Fung King-cheung, to refer to only a few. There are several others who, week after week, play good clean football, serve their clubs well, and are a credit to association football.

Why more players of this quality are not included in representative teams is a matter for astonishment. Perhaps it is enough that virtue is its own reward.

Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that all these matches with Saigon will prove happy, holiday occasions. There is no reason at all why Chinese New Year should not be celebrated with three exciting games of football.

STRONG TEAM

Saigon are bringing a strong team. Their speedy trickiness and excellent ball control pleased us no end in their last visit nearly two years ago. They had the knack of tearing away suddenly from a defensive pose, straight into a most thrustful attack. Here, at least, Chang's speed may be of advantage, for his natural tendency to follow the attack right to the other end, may make recovery a hazardous business.

Except for the omission of Xavier, I like the look of the Hongkong attack. Although Lee Tai-fai is not yet back in the bewildering form he struck at the end of last season, he has at least shown flashes of it recently. Lee is a wingman with a terrific cannon-ball shot.

Eric Keen's maxim that goals will not come if you don't shoot holds good. Every member of the forward line should bear it in mind. Crack after crack at goal may crack the goal.

After last week-end's defeat of Kowloon Motor Buses, the path to the championship is now wide open to South China "A". Fortunately, the situation is much more confused in the junior division of the local league.

A week ago Chinese Athletic were on top with South China one point behind in second place. KMB juniors, who had no engagement last week-end, were in the third position with 20 points from 12 matches.

JUNIOR RACE

Neither South China nor Chinese Athletic could force victories last week-end. At the moment the position favours KMB very strongly. The junior "B" team are now five points behind the leaders but with three matches in hand.

In their drawn game with Kitchee last Saturday, Chinese Athletic were often in trouble. Three times Kitchee took the lead. Three times they had to surrender it.

South China's juniors, after failing to beat the Club's second string a fortnight ago, faltered when confronted by the Police last Sunday. Victory would have put them on top of the table.

Another challenger for top position in junior football who allowed a valuable point to slip out of their hands last weekend was the Army (HK). Their match with War Department Chinese, who are near the bottom of the table, seemed the very chance for collecting two points which would have

placed the soldiers very near the first three.

While the Army (HK) was fighting for a single point, the Army (Kowloon) was making rings round the Club. The Kowloon soldiers' 7-0 victory puts them no more than three points behind the league leaders with two games in hand and a better goal average.

PAGING FAST ACTION

Of more than ordinary interest to Hongkong football is the news (reported by the "Times") that at a meeting of the Football Association in London on Monday, January 10, the Football Association agreed to send an amateur team to Australia in the summer if a suitable

and practicable programme is submitted.

Most certainly the Australians will produce the required programme. Surely it is for consideration that the Hongkong F.A. should try to make arrangements for the English amateur footballers to come here. If a party of English amateur footballers were to come to Hongkong, to play matches against our local chosen, it would be a gain occasion indeed.

Speedy action would be required to tack a visit to Hongkong on to any itinerary arranged by the Australians, but it is not an impossibility that the necessary arrangements could be made. No one would doubt the drawing power at the gate of such a visit.

SOFTBALL CHATTER

International Series Semi-Finals On Monday

By "SPECTATOR"

On the stage of Chinese New Year Holiday softball fare the spotlight is beamed on this season's International Series. There is here plenty to serve the enthusiast. The best of local talent will be on view.

The semi-finals of the yearly International Competition are to be decided on Monday. At 10.30 a.m. Portugal meet China. Pakistan clash with Great Britain at 2.30 p.m. Both are to be played on the CBA ground, King's Park.

As if there isn't enough to satisfy, a full League card has been scheduled for the holidays. The heat is on in the Senior loop race. Madcaps were virtually knocked out of the ring by defeat last Sunday. Of the three left of the former Big Four currently strongest contenders for the pennant, one more is to be pushed out of the way by the result of a game to be played on Sunday. The VRC or Canadians will be practically wiped out from the ranks of the hopefuls after the two clash.

It is understood that a postponement was sought of the vital VRC-Canadian tilt, because most of the players are to take part in next day's International. Tired players after this League frenzied will not give of their best, it was argued. However, this needle game is to be played according to schedule, VRC having disagreed to a postponement. A red-hot struggle is anticipated. Here again is another big holiday attraction.

A.R. "Senior" Markur who has had the "good fortune" of having star players to be Manager of, and on record managed three India squads to International championship, is again entrusted with what looks like another champion squad, formidable and all-round strong, but under the banner of Pakistan.

Pakistan enters the competition for the first time. The players who brought India victory last season have migrated en masse to Pakistan. Senior has the able A. H. Bakur (Captain) and topnotcher B. M. Omar (Vice-Captain) to co-operate with toward steering the squad to another triumph and the first for Pakistan.

Advancement from the semi-finals is not unexpected, in spite of having as opposition a respectable Great Britain battle unit under brainy Hal Winglee, in co-ordination with Coach Buster Hollands.

The well-balanced attack, plus near air-tight defence of Pakistan will be pitched against a hard-hitting British contingent, which does not appear to possess an altogether sound defence. The edge appears to go to the Pakistan boys.

THE TEAMS

The following are the teams: Pakistan—A. H. Bakur, B. M. Omar, Sherry Buck, Rahmat Samy, S. H. Khan, S. K. Khan, I. M. Omar, A. H. Abbas, A. K. Markar, A. A. Rumlehna, A. J. Hussain, A. H. Ismail, Z. A. Abbas, H. Hussain and S. Hamet. (Coaches: Alfred R. Abbas and A. R. Razek).

Great Britain—Dave Leonard, S. Leonard, B. Ablong, Iqmar Erikson, Sid. Hollands, Buster Hollands, Harold Winglee, Fred Hyndman, M. Pereira, Eric Guest and George Saunders.

Manager Charlie Biviere has the best players for some time to represent Portugal with the return of the Gosano brothers. The battling prowess of Eddie, Bertie, Gerry and Lino has not been surpassed by subsequent Portugal representatives since they gave the game the cold shoulder.

China, under Big Chief Dick Chung, is considered short of hitting strength and that will probably cause their downfall. However, the trickiness of the China boys may help bring a surprise, which, however, is not expected.

The two squads are comprised of: Portugal—E. L. B. G. and A. V. Gosano, Wilfred Lawrence, Arturo Orosio, Avichi Yvanovich, Arturo Orosio, Dickie Alves, Billy Soares, A. P. Pereira, Nanny Soares,

Spikes Gutierrez, Charlie Quinn, Gussy Pereira, Gerry Roza-Pereira, and Joe Franco. China—Lo Chung-sang, Herbie Quon, Bill Woo, Dick Chung, K. T. Leung, P. F. Choi, Yeung Kar-sing, Luke Bunn, P. C. Wong, C. K. Choy, J. Kwam and P. Lo.

Week-end Stars

Arturo Orosio, St. Joseph's—Last week, this second baseman led a big hand in his team's massing the Madcaps out of all championship hopes when they were shut-out (9-0)—a repeat of their first-round humiliation. The apparently strongest pennant-claiming Saints, under the capable management of popular Jingo Hussain, blasted the unhappy Madcaps with 10 solid hits, which included a circuit clout by Dave Leonard, a triple by Jack Brown and a double by Stan Leonard. Arturo slashed out the best average of the engagement with three hits in four trips, followed closely by Stan Leonard's 500.

Robert Verlesyn, Madcaps—Modest, serious Robert was his cool self as he put up a one-man resistance against the mighty Saints while his slide managed but four bingles off hurler Jack Brown, who was, as usual, backed by a million-dollar defence works. Licky, alias Robert, had his way in a way against tough opposition with two hits in four at-bats. This third baseman's star shone again in cloudy Madcapville.

Iqmar Erikson, VRC—The slugging Victorians banged at Doc Molthen's HKBC mercilessly to a 10-3 win, in the process of which Erikson hit top grade with three hits after four times at the platter, which included a double. Teammate Charlie Quinn tripled, while George Saunders and Alvaro Xavier doubled.

Gerry Roza-Pereira, VRC—Speedy "on land" as he is "in the sea"—Gerry is a champion swimmer—the sure-catching outfielder, laid full claim to a starry perch by himself when he registered the only timely 1,000 of the week's games. An outstanding performance by an all-round sportsman, Licky Luz stood out in the Ball Club's camp with a couple of safeties.

S. C. Wong and C. K. Choi, Chung Wah—Each cracked a homer to elbow out of the limelight his team's conquerors, the pennant-aspiring Canadians, though the latter won, but only by a one-run margin. Canuck batters were unusually off the picture. Popular Herbie Quon and six-footer A. H. Bakur, however, had a bit of it with a tracking double apiece. The Canucks' show that day was unimpressive. They will have to do better to remain in the race. Much will depend on the outcome of their difficult obstacle in the VIC whom they meet this week.

And the latter are hot on the championship trail too. Hilda Soares, Wahoon—Peppery Hilda led the show with a 500 average in sweet revenge for the champion Wahoons against the Canadians, by whom they were humiliated in their first-round clash. Dynamic Patsy Ribeiro slammed out a rousing triple to give Hilda a "light." The Canucks were out-hitted by 8-6, but shaky hitting, which is their blatant weakness, led to their downfall.

Availa Choy, Canucks—Reported to be a star from Shanghai, she played third for the first time for the Maple Leafers and dashed out an "all-round" high-level performance. She hit twice safely, including a triple. Her fielding showed she knows how.

HONGKONG HOCKEY XI



Oscars For Boxers

By GEORGE WHITING

Oscars for boxers. After running an all-embracing eye over thousands of candidates in all parts of the world, our medal-minded American friends have decided that Freddie Mills, world cruiserweight champion, rates fourth in their annual "Fighter of the Year" list for 1948.

Freddie is preceded by two negroes and a Frenchman, all world champions. Lightweight like Williams, remembered here as the doleful young man who hammered Ronnie James at Cardiff two years ago, finished top of the poll. Middleweight Marcel Cerdan, gold-toothed idol of Paris, is named runner-up, and gets a special "Fighter of the Year" award for his impetuous championship win over Tony Zale.

Third was Joe Louis—with a "Round of the Year" prize for his 11th round knock-out of Jersey Joe Walcott. "Surprise of the Year"—Sandy Saddler's featherweight title win over veteran Willie Pep.

Outside of Mills and flyweight champion Rinty Monaghan, British professionals are accorded only lowly positions in America's "world's" awards. Bruce Woodcock is No. 13 heavyweight, Dick Turpin and Vince Hawkins rate 9th and 17th among the middleweights.

Other Britons in the "special" lists are Johnny Molloy (8) and Ron Draper (13) at featherweight; Jackie Patterson (3), Stan Rowan (9), Terry Allen (13), Teddy Gardner (15) at bantam, Dickie O'Sullivan (3), Charlie Squire (6), Jackie Bryce (11) and Norman Tennant (17) among the flyweights.

A WELCOME VISITOR

Lucien (Luc) van Dam, Dutch middleweight champion, a visitor to England this week, retains a lively interest in the amateur ranks from which he sprang. Luc hopes to drop in at York Hall, Bethnal Green, where Norman BC are boxing a hot team put up by Jack Peel, the Birkenhead schoolmaster.

Red carpets are not in order when professionals visit British amateur tournaments, but Van Dam has many friends among the Repton amateurs. When last he visited London, he called in at the club gym, stripped, and spent a morning coaching several highly delighted youngsters. A few months later, when the Repton team visited Holland, they found Luc flapping a towel as a friendly rival in the opposite corner.

When Football Is Just Another Job

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Most schoolboys have the ambition to become great footballers, with the glamour of playing for a famous team, being the idols of Soccer millions, and winning an international cap or Cup medal. The prospects thrill them—but they often forget that football is just another job.

They overlook the fact that a youngster has to serve an apprenticeship in football just as in any other trade. It is only by hard work, a spot of genius, and a lot of luck that the grade to stardom is made. I have often stressed this point, and I am glad to see the Football Association have now published a guide to a Soccer career.

Blind Contracts

This new booklet, "The Professional Footballer," sets out clearly the conditions of employment, clearly sets players' agreements, and gives a very good idea of what it means to take up football.

Every young player should get hold of a copy. It tells what he can and cannot do once he has signed a registration form.

Did you know that a professional footballer can be an amateur cricketer or golfer, but not an amateur swimmer, boxer, gymnast, or athlete? Did you know that all professional footballers contract to do everything necessary to get and keep themselves in the best possible condition to play efficiently and to play to the best of their ability?

These are two of the many points explained by the F.A. and should go a long way towards clearing up the many misconceptions of a football career. Too many players enter blindly into contracts and live to regret them.

HOME SPORTFRONT

Curb On Speedway Transfer Deals

Firm steps to keep speedway clean and to cut out any jobbery in the transfer of star riders this season have been decided upon by the Control Board.

Every deal in the £1,000 class and a new rule will be made to check quick-change moves. At the moment a rider receives 10 percent of his transfer fee and a further one season at a track, and a further 2½ percent for every succeeding season. In future, if he moves within two years, he will get no percentage at all of his new transfer fee.

Record transfer fee so far is £2,000, paid by Wimbeldon to Bradford for Alec Slatham.

THROWER v. HITTER

D. H. Lyon, the Gloucestershire cricketer, and E. McLennan, playing captain of North Foreland Golf Club, Broadstairs, will play a round of golf with Lyon throwing the ball from the tees and fairways, but taking a putter on the greens, and McLennan using his clubs in the ordinary way.

They will play on the short course, with 18 holes varying from 40 to 140 yards.

Lyon's handicap is 4, McLennan's 5. Lyon is the challenger, thinks his throws will be more accurate than his opponent's club-hits. The other freak matches on record include golfer v. archer, with the archer nearly always winning, and golfer v. fisherman. The fisherman,

casting a 2½oz. weight, took 102 and the golfer 87. Fisherman's difficulty was in his short casts. His longest was 103 yards. When within a rod's length of a hole he ran the weight to the rod end and dropped it into the hole. He broke his line five times, and was allowed another shot without penalty.

FIRST FOAL AT 22

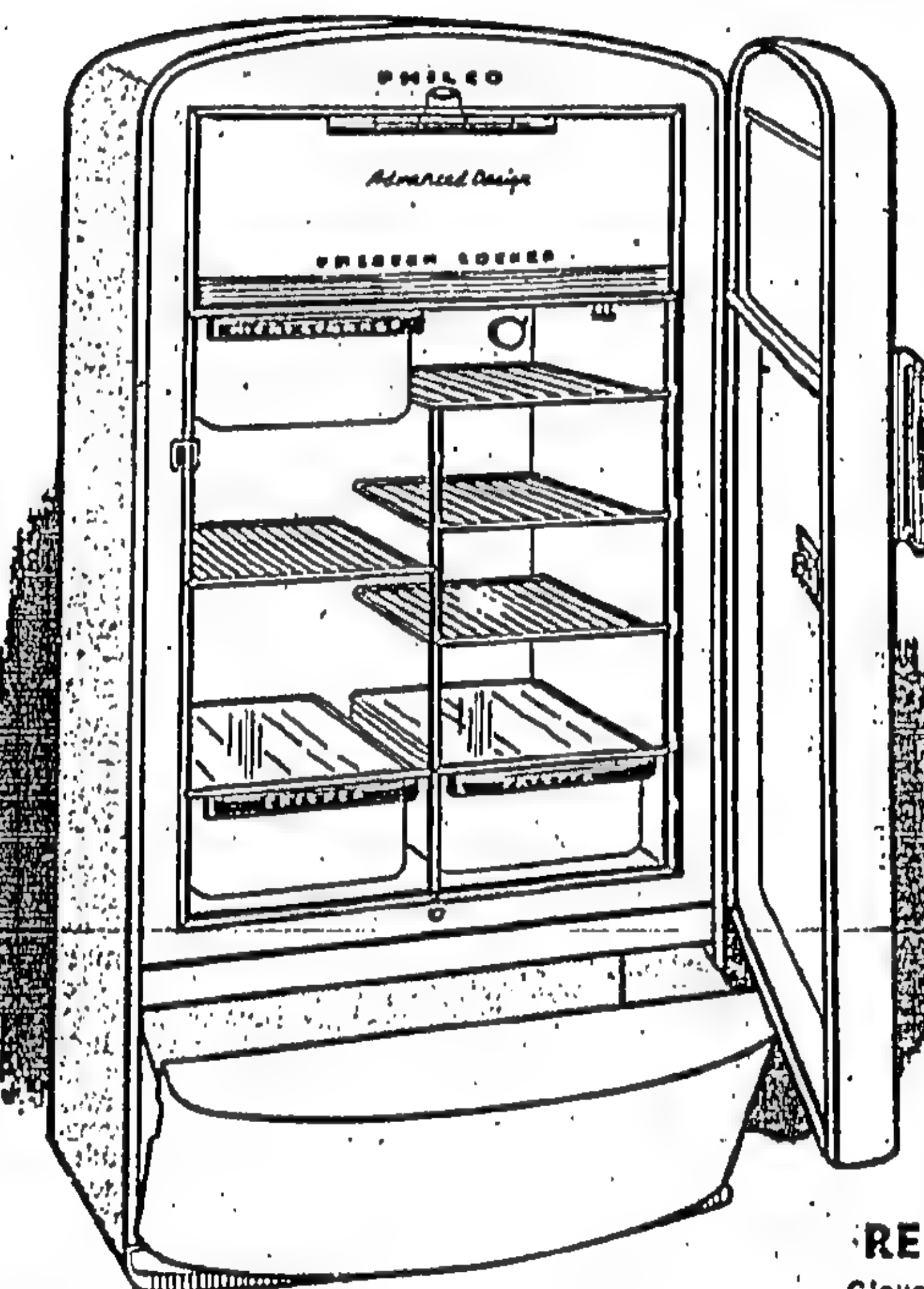
When a mare produces a foal at the ripe old age of 20 it is regarded in horsey circles as a most unusual event.

When one has her first at 22—after being hunted all her life—and follows it with two more at 23 and 24, it gives the owner justifiable cause to ask, is this a record? Miss Sylvia Calmady-Hamlyn, of Buckfast, South Devon, puts the question to Horse and Hound concerning a mare she once owned named Peg.

But in the records there is the case of Tilly, a racehorse owned by Lady James Douglas. Tilly had her last foal in 1943 when she was 25. Equally extraordinary is the fact that up to 1943, for seven years running, she produced a foal every year by the great Gainsborough, who himself was 27 when Tilly died.

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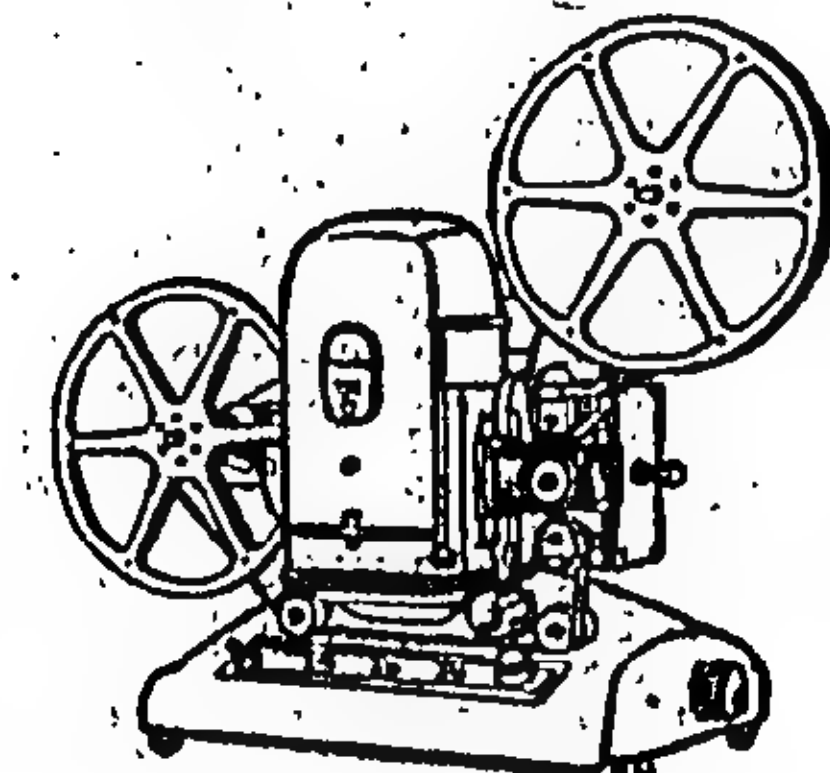
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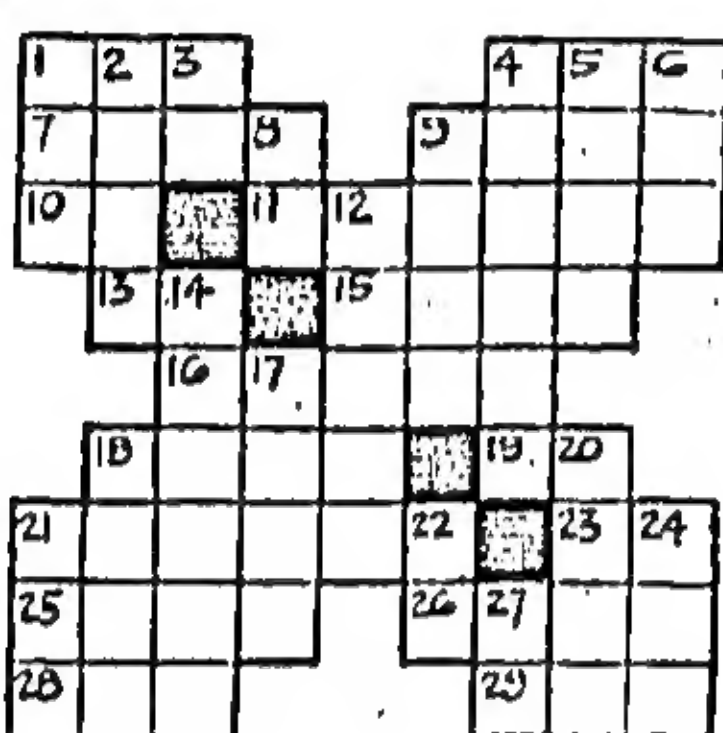
1. Is "Prussian Blue" the title of a song, an army officer, or an artificial pigment?
2. Is a "rook" a recruit, a bird or a garden tool?
3. If the "tern" is a sea swallow, what is a ton?
4. Is the "hoopoe" a small hoop, an Indian wigwam or a bird?
5. Is an "Alewife" an English innkeeper's mate, a small fish or a sickly woman?

DIAMOND

COMMENT forms the diamond's centre. The second word is "a spinning toy," the third is "more domesticated," the fifth "looks closely," and the sixth is "a writing material."

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CROSSWORD



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- 1 Folding bed
- 2 Negative word
- 3 Operatic solo
- 4 Painful
- 5 North American (ab.)
- 6 Frightened
- 7 Left side (ab.)
- 8 Limbs
- 9 Crazy
- 10 Bargain event
- 11 Musical note
- 12 Fondle
- 13 Poker stake
- 14 Uncolored
- 15 Footlike part
- 16 Individual

DOWN

- 1 Is able
- 2 Verbal
- 3 Funny
- 4 Regular
- 5 Mineral rocks
- 6 Boy's name
- 7 While
- 8 Hindu garment
- 9 Walking sticks
- 10 Slings
- 11 On the sheltered side
- 12 Rational
- 13 Prayer ending
- 14 Head covering
- 15 Thus
- 16 Compass point
- 17 Italian river

Rupert and Margot—53



For the journey back to Nutwood the young friends find that the wind is against them, but the stream is flowing in their direction, so the twins get out the oars and row steadily while Rupert steers, and Margot, who is very hungry, eats most of the sandwiches. "I wonder what the aunt's daughter would think if she knew I'd been in her doll's house!" says Margot. "And I wonder what she looks like. I've never before heard of a giant little girl." "It does sound odd," smiles Rupert.

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RED RYDER



WORD MARRIAGE

To a three-letter word for "an insect" marry a three-letter word for "a dress edge" and have "a hymn of praise."

ADD-A-LETTER

Add a letter to a word meaning "myself" and have "males"; add another and have "a prayer ending"; another and have "to rectify"; add another letter and scramble to have "to order."

ANSWERS

WORD MARRIAGE: Ant-Hem;
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POSER ANSWERS: 1—Pigment.
2—Bird. 3—Fresh-water duck. 4—Bird. 5—Small fish.

ADD-A-LETTER: Me, men, amen, amend, demand.
CROSSWORD:



Turnips Are Just Like Rain

—Both Are Good But No One Likes Them—

By MAX TRELL

"THE children had turnips for dinner," Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, said to his friend Mr. Punch.

"Turnips, eh?" said Mr. Punch. "I suppose they loved them? I suppose each of them asked for second helpings?"

Knarf shook his head. "You mean they didn't like them at all?" Mr. Punch said in surprise. "That's what I think," said Knarf. "They didn't eat them at all."

Great Mistake

"That was a great mistake," said Mr. Punch. "Turnips are very good. Well," he added, "lot of things are good and yet lots of people don't like them. Take rain, for instance."

"What's rain got to do with turnips?" asked Knarf. "Mr. Punch didn't stop to answer this question but went right on. 'Now rain,' he said, 'is one of the finest things in the world. It makes plants and flowers and trees and vegetables, and even turnips, grow. But does everyone like rain? Not a bit of it. The last time it rained, I heard some children singing:

'Rain rain go away.
Come again another day.'
'But it didn't go away at all,' said Knarf.

"Rain never goes away," said Mr. Punch, "until all of it has fallen down. It doesn't seem to care much whether children sing about it or not. And take snow," Mr. Punch went on. "Now there's something you'd think everyone would like."

"I'm sure everyone does love snow," said Knarf.

"Robins don't," said Mr. Punch. "They fly away as soon as they

HOW would you like to listen all day to one man while keeping your eye on another who told him what to say? Well, that is exactly what goes on at the United Nations conferences where interpreters are the mouthpieces of the men who are trying to solve our postwar difficulties.

The big problem is the lack of a language everybody can understand at the same time. Esperanto was invented as a "universal language" but it was a failure because it added still another language to the hundreds already in existence.

No doubt you have heard of Basic English. It was suggested a few years ago as a means of solving the language tie-up. It is the bare skeleton of the English language, the 850 words used most. A person could learn it in less than a month, and the peoples of the world then would be able to converse freely—so it was claimed.

BUT the Basic English idea has been a flop, too. Other people were not anxious to let English, or any part of it, get the right of way over their own language. Other tongues spoken by millions of people—French, German, Spanish, and Italian—

were mentioned as other possible basic languages.

A witty French scholar has suggested that the problem of a world language should be solved by using simplified German for everyday business, because it slips out so easily; English for merry-making and sociability, because you can soar so high in English; French for politics and international relations, because it is such a musical and polite language; and Latin for funerals, because it is a dead language.

Of course, any abbreviated tongue could never replace the real language of a country. Behind any talk is a way of life and an exact way of expressing a thought. A real language is a carrier of culture. The best any "basic" language could do would be to carry understanding.

WHEN you try to cut down a language, such as English, to 850 words, while spelling and grammar vanish as school problems, meanings become very dim.

All preserves have to be called "jams," and that includes the marmalade. Also, many of our simpler words have more than one meaning. What, for example, is a "fly"? Is it an insect, or part of a fisherman's tackle?

Then we have words such as actress and authoress, but no doctress or tenchess. Why not? With the extension of women's work to almost all branches of our everyday life, except executioner, it is handy to know whether you have a he-teacher or a she-teacher, and whether the chief of the organization should be called president or presidentess.

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know it's coming. So do the swallows and the thrushes and the wrens. The dandelions and the daisies and all the other flowers also go away. The bees go off to sleep somewhere. The butterflies disappear, and so do the grasshoppers. The crickets come in out of the snow to find a warm place for themselves near a chimney or in a warm cellar."

"I never thought of all that," said Knarf. "And take chocolate candy," said Mr. Punch. "Now tell me—does everybody like chocolate candy?"

Hesitated A Moment

Knarf hesitated for a moment. "I think they do," he finally stammered.

"Are you sure?"

"Yes," said Knarf, though he wasn't quite sure at all. He waited for Mr. Punch to tell him who didn't like chocolate candy.

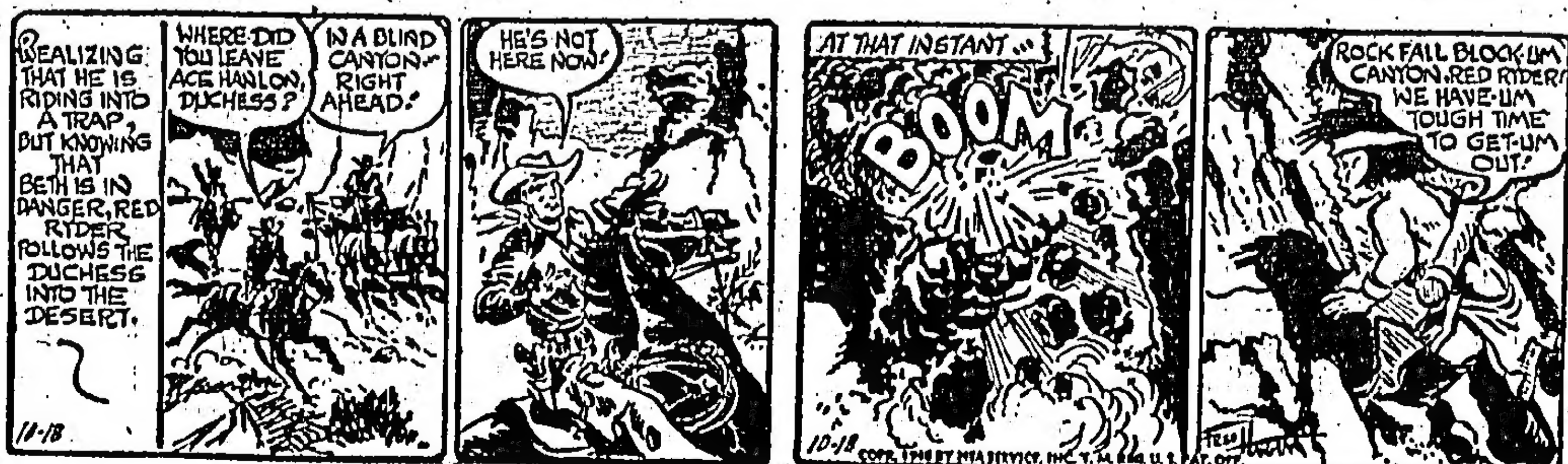
Then Mr. Punch smiled. "This time you're right, my boy," he said, "everybody does like chocolate candy! It's too bad they don't like turnips just as well."

"If they lasted as good as chocolate candy," said Knarf, "I'm sure everyone would."

And Mr. Punch had to agree with that too.

Bottled Up

By Fred Harman



AT THAT INSTANT... BOOM!

ROCK FALL BLOCKED! CANYON RED RYDER! WE HAVE A TOUGH TIME TO GET UP!

The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

The World Needs One Language

By WALTER KING



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rabbits without a voice, not a stupid person. "A blast of hot air" in the basic language means very simply "warm windy air" and not a loud meaningless speech.

Do You Know How To Stand Properly?

TOO many people, attractive otherwise, look uninteresting because of bad posture. This is especially true of young people, both boys and girls, who have never taken the trouble to learn how to stand, walk and sit correctly.

Positions taken in these movements should make walking or sitting easier and more graceful and—more important, they will help keep your insides in the right positions and make you healthier.

Here are some simple rules for correct posture:

1. In standing, with the weight on both feet:
1. Lean forward from the ankles.
2. Carry the upper chest high and well forward.
3. Keep your neck bones back.

In standing, with the weight on one foot:

1. Keep the hips (pelvis) as nearly level as possible.
2. Stand "tall"; that is, look the world in the face and don't droop.
3. Your free foot—the one not bearing your weight—may be in any position, but it is best when placed behind the foot that bears your weight.

In walking:

1. Make your leg swing from the hip like a pendulum.
2. Keep your head well poised.
3. The upper chest should lead the way—not your head, your stomach, or knees.
4. Your body should move about a point in your chest—that is, the motion of your arms and legs should make that point the "hub."

In sitting:

1. Sit well back in your seat or chair.
2. Lean forward from the hip joints, with your back straight. Here also, the chest leads the way.

The best way, used by most advanced collectors, to remove stamps from covers is by means of damp blotters. The process is simple and there is small risk of damage to the stamp.

Take a piece of thick blotting paper and dampen it. Place it flat on a table and put the envelope on top of it. Place the envelope so that the reverse side faces the blotter. The stamp itself is not to come in contact with the blotter but is uppermost.

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Soaking stamps in water will remove most stamps, but care should be taken.

—JULIA WOLFE

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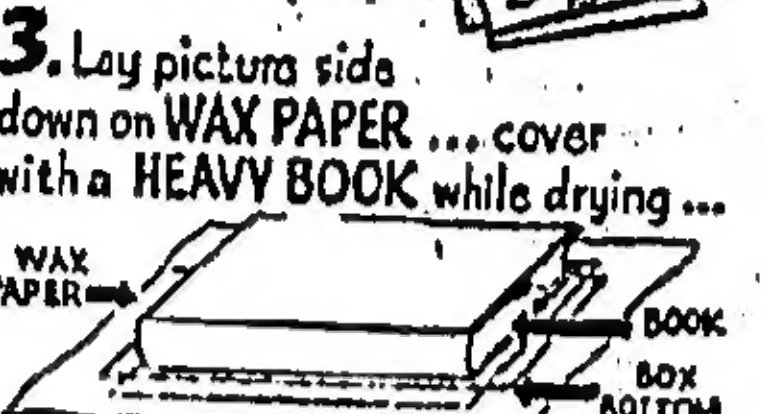
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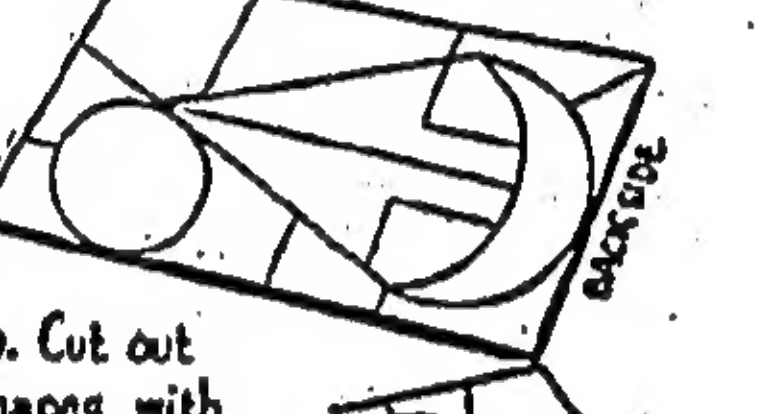
DO-IT By Dolo Goss

BIG SAW PUZZLE

1. Split the corners of the bottom of a THIN CARDBOARD BOX (such as a stationery box) and flatten it.
2. Cut a PICTURE from a MAGAZINE, cover box bottom except sides with thin coat of GLUE, smooth on the picture.
3. Lay picture side down on WAX PAPER, cover with a HEAVY BOOK while drying...



4. When glue is dry, cut off sides.
5. Turn over on plain side—draw several large simple shapes, connect shapes with straight lines.



6. Cut out shapes with sharp SCISSORS.
7. Work puzzle in top of box.

AN INCH OF RAIN

AN inch of rain is a pretty heavy shower if it falls in a short time, and a little calculating shows that it is even more water than a person thinks.

An inch of rain over one acre of ground is 6,272,640 cubic inches of water. This is 3630 cubic feet.

A cubic foot of water weighs 62.4 pounds, sometimes more and sometimes less depending on the purity of the water and the temperature. An inch of rain over an acre of ground would weigh 226,512 pounds or 113.25 tons.

It would take 603 barrels of 45 gallons each to hold all the water that fell on an acre in a 1-inch rain.

ZOO'S WHO



A MOTHER WOODCOCK WHO FINDS HER NEST THREATENED WILL CARRY OFF HER YOUNG ONE AT A TIME BY CLASPING THEM BETWEEN HER LEGS...



ANTHONY SOTO OF HOLISTER, CALIF., WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY A STARTLED DEER, FELL ON A RATTLESNAKE, KILLING IT.

No Legs Or Daggers For The Africans

AMSTERDAM: Joseph Conrad's story of the blind captain who went on sailing his ship became reality for a Rotterdam barge master. For two years he steered his boat through the Dutch canals, though blind. The loss of his sight meant dismissal and poverty. Therefore he hid his blindness and steered his ship with the eyes of his wife and 14-year-old son. Nobody discovered

CAPETOWN: When a townsman of the Cape city of De Aar played a joke on his wife by stepping into the bath behind her and turning on the cold shower, the wife fainted, struck her head on the wall and collapsed on her joker husband. Imprisoned in the narrow bath under pounds of substantial womanhood, the husband was drowning when his wife recovered consciousness and gave him artificial respiration.

WHEN Rommel threatens
Cairo, Armande's luck
turns. GHQ burns its papers.
The richer Egyptians decide to

"Chamberlain and Eden were not a Prime Minister and a Foreign Secretary discussing with the ambassador of a foreign Power a delicate situation. They were two enemies confronting each other like two cocks in true fighting posture."

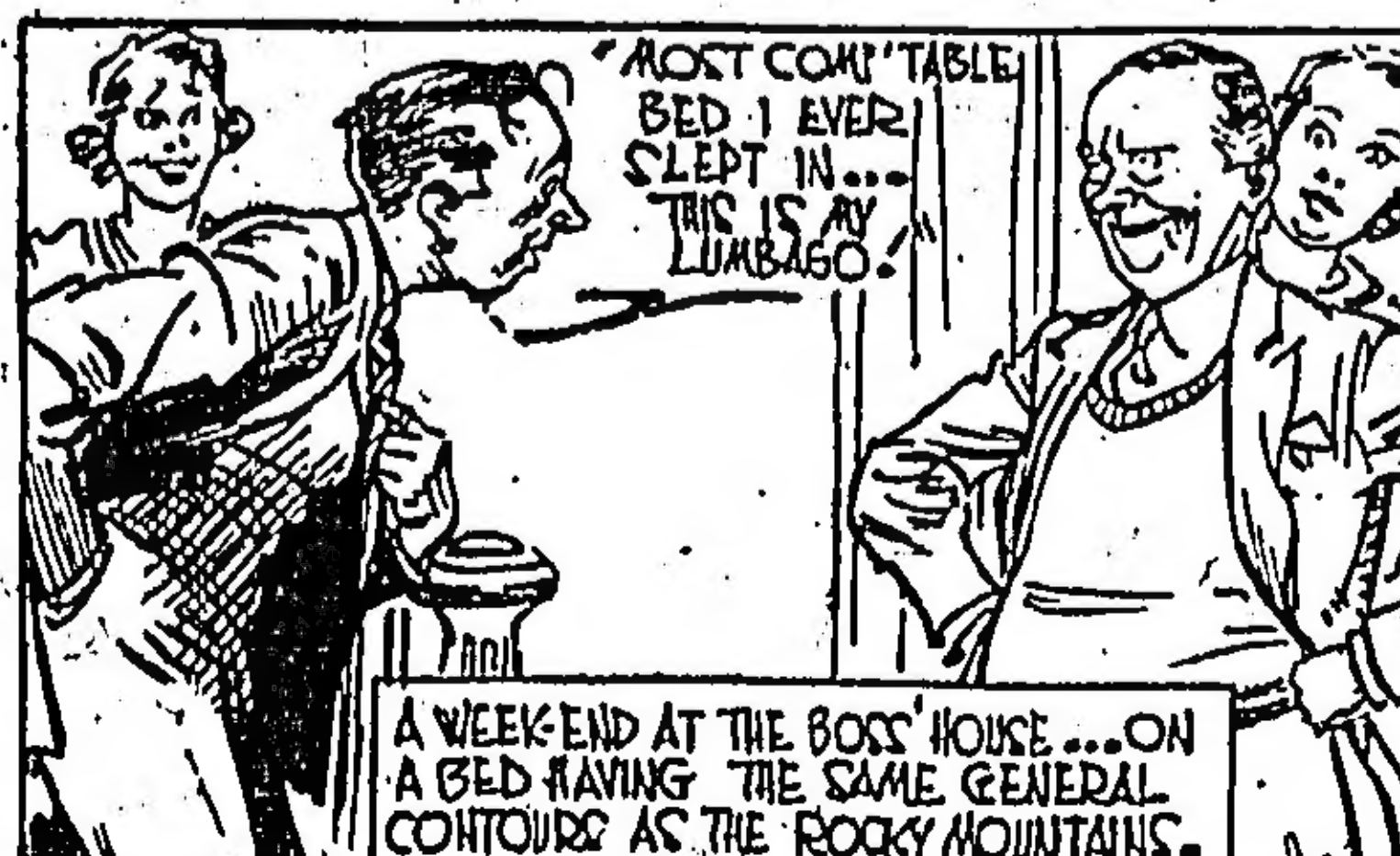
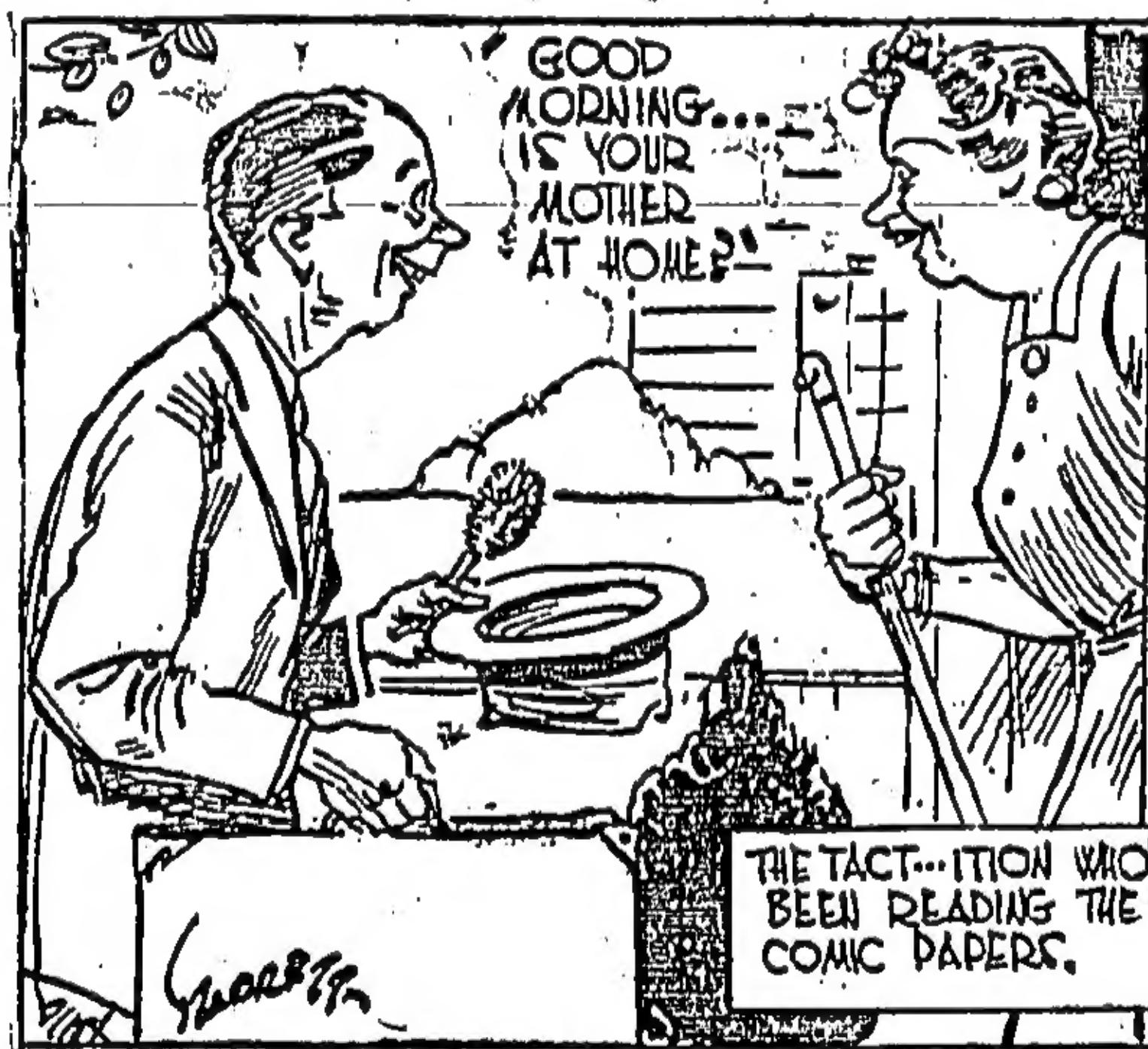
THE NETWORK. By Evan John. Heinemann, 72 cd., 195 pages. This novel is based on the evidence disclosed in the Lowry spy trial. The plot is changed. Scene is moved to London. I can detect no other improvement.

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By KEMP STARRATT



"Neutral" Countries Urged To Join North Atlantic Pact

Washington, Jan. 27.—Republican Senator William Knowland today urged Norway, Denmark and Sweden to join the North Atlantic anti-aggression pact or risk the loss of all American military and economic aid.

Senator Knowland, who is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, opened the Congressional debate on the proposed pact in a Senate speech. The treaty is not completed yet and will not be ready for Senate ratification for about a month.

The Senator served blunt warning on the Scandinavian countries that there would be "no neutrality" if Russia invaded Western Germany and Western Europe.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources said the door was still wide open for the Scandinavian countries, Italy, Ireland, Iceland and Portugal to join in the pact.

Senator Knowland said the United States must not greet the pact "with enthusiasm" when nations closer to the seat of "potential aggression" sought to remain aloof.

If Soviet Russia moves to invade Western Germany and Western Europe, other members of the United Nations must immediately act in their common defense, or the whole collective security idea will perish then and there. If the United States and Western world should be defeated by Soviet Russia, do the Scandinavian countries think they could remain as a free island in a world totalitarian sea?

The pact is being negotiated by conference from the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland.

The importance attached to the treaty by the United States Government was underlined yesterday by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, who declared that peace and security could be maintained only by the United States joining with other nations to make clear in advance that any attack would be met with overwhelming force.

Mr. Acheson's support for the first peace-time defense bridge between Western Europe and the United States was applauded by key members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The group will be asked to recommend ratification of the pact when it is presented to the Senate in about a month.

Under the present form of the pact, it was learned authoritatively, the United States agrees with the other nations that an attack on any signatory member should be considered an attack against all.

However, retaliation by the United States would not be undertaken until Congress had declared war. Diplomatic sources said this provision was agreeable to the Europeans and Canada and that all major points in the treaty had been settled.

The next few weeks will be spent in the final drafting and waiting to see whether the pact can be expedited to 12 nations, the sources said.

They said that the United States did not intend to limit itself for 50 years with the European nations who joined the French pact of that duration. An authoritative informant said the present draft provided for "less than 20 years" with provision for renewal if necessary. United Press.

Australian Tennis Championships

Adelaide, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Nancy Wynne Bolton, the holder, will defend her women's singles title against Miss Doris Hart, the United States Wimbledon Cup player, in the final of the Australian Lawn Tennis Championships.

In the semi-final, played here today, Mrs. Bolton beat Mrs. M. L. Lohr by 6-4 and 6-2, while Miss Hart defeated Mrs. R. Fisher by 6-2 and 6-1.

The men's doubles final will be between John Bromwich and Adrian Quist, the holders, and Geoff Brown and Bill Sidwell. Bromwich and Quist beat Jack Crawford and Harry Hopman, who played for Australia in the 1929 Davis Cup, by 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 and 6-1. In the semi-finals Brown and Sidwell beat Colin Long and Frank Sedgman by 8-10, 6-2, 9-7 and 6-1.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY SPORT

TOMORROW

Cricket—First Division League: Recreation v. Army at King's Park, 11.30 a.m.; University v. Sookunpo; R.C.C. v. University at King's Park.

Second Division League: Army v. Recreation at Sookunpo.

Football—Interport Match: Saigon v. Hongkong at Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.

Hockey—European YMCA v. Pakistan at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Rugby—Club v. Rest of the Colony at Sookunpo, 4.15 p.m.

SUNDAY

Cricket—King George V School v. Recreation 2nd XI.

Football—Saigon v. Combined Chinese at Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.; Softball—A. Recreation Ground; Vikings v. Wildfires, 9 a.m.; Canadian v. V.R.C. 10.30 a.m.; Mohawks v. Blackhaws, noon; Filipinos v. St. Joseph's, 2 p.m.

At C.R.A. Ground: Madaga v. H.C.U.C. noon; Overseas Chinese v. Chung Hwa, 2 p.m.; Americans v. Khinso, 3.30 p.m.

INDIA v. W. INDIES

TEST MATCH

Madras, Jan. 27.—An opening partnership of 239, which was the highest of the tour, laid the foundation of a big score for West Indies today on the first day of the fourth Test match against India here.

At the close of play, West Indies were 315 for the loss of one wicket. A. Rae scored his second century in Test cricket. His first was also against India—at Bombay in the second Test of the present series. His 109 included three sixes and five fours. J. Stollmeyer, who was unbeaten when play ended with 157 registered his first ever Test century.

Both batsmen reached three figures before tea.

Batting with added confidence after an unbeaten double century in his last match, Stollmeyer played a characteristically pulsating innings—a policy not conducive to winning matches once a good foundation had been laid.

The failure of India's carefully packed attack indicated that the match may result the same way as the others, which had ended in tameless draws after five days.

SCORED AT WILL

The West Indies' batsmen practically scored at will and gave the impression that the pitch was going to play true, which would mean that only outstanding performances by the West Indies pace attack in Trim and Jones would bring a definite result.

Pholker impressed in India's attack, especially after tea, when Walcott was in an aggressive mood. His persistence and accuracy did much to prevent the West Indies batsmen from scoring at a much faster rate.

The fast bowler kept pegging away at the leg stump and Walcott had to employ the hook stroke time and time again to get his runs.

India's fielding was not seen at its best. At least four possible catches were missed, either due to slowness of movement, or lack of anticipation.—Reuter.

Top Weights For Grand National

London, Jan. 27.—The Irish condition, Cottage Lake, and the French champion, Rideo, share top-weight for the Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 26, the weights for which was announced today.

Cottage is to carry 12 stone five pounds. Last year's winner, Shell's Cottage, is not entered by the runner-up, First of the Dandies, is allotted 10 stone and 12 pounds, and last year's third, Cromwell, 11 stone and 3 pounds.

Of the 91 entries, 28 are grouped together with the bottom weight of ten stone.—Reuter.

Chang Prepares For Freedom

Nanking, January 27.—Central News today reported that the "Young Marshal," Chang Hsueh-shan, is packing up for return to freedom after 10 years of captivity. Chang was informed of Acting President Li Tsung-jen's order for his release on January 25.

The official Agency said that Chang would first proceed to Taipei, Taiwan provincial capital, from where he will be flown to Nanking on a special plane.

President Li Tsung-jen's order for the release of General Yang Fuchang, was turned over to the Chungking Pacification Headquarters for implementation by Mayor Yang Shen. General Yang will also be flown to Nanking by a special plane.—United Press.

Royall Warns Of War Possibility

Washington, Jan. 27.—The United States Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall, told the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee today that while war was not imminent it was "at least a possibility."

"There appears little likelihood that for a number of years, to come we will be free of an international situation fraught with danger and subject to marked fluctuations," he declared.

Under these circumstances, the United States military establishment must be adequate.

The Committee is holding hearings on legislation to allow the Air Force to be increased.—Reuter.



Prince Aly's Divorce

Paris, Jan. 27.—Prince Aly Khan's application for divorce from his British-born wife—formerly the Hon. Mrs. L. Guinness—will have its first formal consideration in Chambers by the President of the Senate tomorrow in about a month's time. It was learned here today.

The formalities were begun nearly a year ago, according to the Prince, who told reporters recently: "I am going to marry Rita Hayworth as soon as I am free."

As required by French law, the Court President, M. Rousselet, will first attempt to reconcile the couple.

The months' delay was to inquire into the customs, laws and religion in the husband's "country of origin," according to a legal spokesman.—Reuter.

SCAP Moves To Stamp Out Slavery

Tokyo, Jan. 27.—A senior official in General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters today announced an all-out drive against child slavery, and warned that this age-old Japanese practice will no longer be tolerated.

He revealed that the Japanese Government had been ordered by General MacArthur to launch a nationwide survey to determine how extensively the traffic in human beings is actually being conducted. The disclosure came on the heels of press reports that more than 100 children had been sold recently in some communities in Honshu, and were being subjected to forced labour on farms.

Though legislation under the new Japanese constitution explicitly bans all forms of human trading and compulsory prostitution, there have been scattered reports of such instances in various parts of Japan.

General MacArthur's public welfare chief, Brigadier-General Crawford F. Sans, said the first stage of the nationwide drive—under SCAP supervision—would determine "exactly how many illegally housed children there are and where they are located." He said where child slavery conditions are found to exist steps will be taken to remove the victims speedily to "a certified foster home or public or private institution."—United Press.



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US Action In Japan Criticised

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Alexander S. Panyushkin, today accused the United States of bypassing the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission in ordering new measures for building up the Japanese economy.

Mr. Panyushkin declared that recovery measures were "in direct contradiction" to the policies of the Commission, the chief Allied governing group for Japan.

He called upon the Commission to "adopt its own decision" on ways to assist Japan's recovery.

Mr. Panyushkin made his accusation in a statement submitted to the Commission at its weekly closed door meeting. He published the statement later.

The new American measures, aimed at stabilising the Japanese economy, were issued last month as directives to General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

The order was later submitted to the Commission. Mr. Panyushkin called this procedure "inadmissible" because he said it made "fundamental changes" in the occupation, and any such action requires advance agreement from the Commission, he added.

The Russian Ambassador coupled his complaint on this point with another in a long series of criticisms of the manner in which the United States was carrying out the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Panyushkin said the Allied basic post-surrender policy called for the strengthening of democratic forces. But last month's directive continued "not one word about the strengthening of democratic forces in Japan," he declared.

He contended that the latest stabilisation measures were in conflict with the Commission's decisions on the economic demilitarisation and reduction of Japanese industries and war potential and the resumption of peaceful economic activity and other policies.—Reuter.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1, Catamaran; 4, USA; 10, Mobile; 11, Strong bow; 13, Tom; 14, Kober; 15, Waterloo; 18, Deery; 19, Yen; 20, Impedance; 21, Area; 25, Suez; 26, Northwest; 28, 1, Custodian; 2, Tarn; 3, Anna; 4, Monterey; 5, Ribble; 6, Alce; 7, New Forest; 8, Shaw; 12, Gory; 16, Treat; 17, Once; 24, Part; 22, Don; 23, Neo.

Solution to Skeleton Crossword on Page 13—

DOWN: 1, Propose; 2, Lush; 3, Charity; 4, Mon; 5, P.H. Leopold; 6, P.P.P.; 7, Tot; 8, W.P.P.; 9, Her; 10, Indubitable; 11, Y; 12, Main; 13, E.L.I.Son; 14, Ang; 15, Sorely; 16, Near; 17, Westing; 18, L.L.; 19, R.N.H.; 20, A.G.L.D.; 21, Bell; 22, Light.

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